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PUBLIC LIBRARY, June 25, 1873.

His Honor, Henry L. Pierce, Mayor of the City of Boston:

SIR, — I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, prepared in obedience to the fourth section of the Ordinance of 1869, relative to the Public Library.

Very respectfully,

JUSTIN WINSOR,

Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

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In conformity with the requirements of the fourth section of an Ordinance concerning the Public Library, passed September 21, 1869, the Trustees have the honor to present to the City Council their Twenty-first Annual

REPORT,

being the fourth made under the new ordinance, and including the results of administration for the last year, in which the Library was opened for the uses of book-borrowers three hundred and eight days, and the Reading Rooms of the Central Library and its Branches for the perusal of periodicals and books of reference therein contained, including twelve Sundays, three hundred and twenty days.

The reports of the Examining Committee and of the Superintendent are herewith appended.

The members of the Committee for the present year were the Hon. Benjamin Dean, Eben D. Jordan, Esq., Charles C. Smith, Esq., Rev. George H. Vibbert, Henry A. Whitney, Esq., with the Hon. George S. Hillard, of the Board of Trustees, as Chairman. This independent examination has been carefully made. The recommendations relative to an adequate protection from fire of the invaluable property belonging to the city contained within the walls of the Boylston street building will, it is hoped, receive the attention which the importance of the subject deserves. Further reference

will be made to this point. Their judgment also in respect to the defective arrangements of the building for many of the purposes for which it was designed, and which the increasing uses of the Library render every day more evident, enforces the previously expressed opinions of the Trustees as contained in former reports. In possessing themselves of the facts of administration as comprised in the tables and report of the Superintendent, and by personal inspection of the working of the Central Library as well as of the Branches, they have obtained a clear understanding of the management and usefulness of the whole institution, of which, including the two Branches, the examination is now first made. Successive annual examinations, as provided by the ordinance, of committees selected at large from our citizens, ensure to the public unbiassed opinions upon the condition of the foundation and upon its manifold relations to the public. Suggestions from this source, in the present as in former years, are of large interest and importance.

With the increasing magnitude of the libraries, and the new experiences called forth by the Branches, the reports of the Superintendent increase annually in detail and in value. No one can properly understand or appreciate the careful oversight and the minute analysis of all the points of administration which ought to be known not only to the community, but to every similar organization, without a careful scrutiny of his tabular statements. The duties and responsibilities of this devoted official increase from year to year. With the additional charge of the Roxbury Library, to be opened during the next month, and with the possibly impending annexation of neighboring towns and cities containing other libraries to be placed under the control of this Board, all executive labor will be proportionately magnified.

Recurring to the condition of the building, and to the inadequate accommodation, not only for the public, but also for the administrative necessities of the Library, it is hoped and

anticipated that some relief may be obtained, at no distant day, by the adaptation to the Library's service of the estate purchased for that purpose by the city, in the spring of 1872. Want of room for the public curtails the circulation of the Lower Hall, and diminishes attendance at the Reading Room. No satisfactory plans have yet been formed for the construction upon this site of a new edifice to be attached to the main building, which should meet any considerable portion of our present and future requirements. When the City Government are of the opinion that the financial condition of the city will authorize a sufficient appropriation for the purpose, the Trustees will endeavor to present suitable designs.

Upon the other point, of sufficient protection against fire, the Trustees feel sensitively the dangers so strongly set forth in the reports of the Examining Committee and of the Superintendent. The removal of the wooden sky-lights upon the roof of the building, and the substitution of fire-proof coverings in their places, is now going forward, under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. Everything should be done which skill or ingenuity can dictate to render the building safe from outward or internal conflagration. The Library now contains a large number of works, which if lost could never be replaced. The institution could never again rise from its ashes to the wealth of its present possessions. There must be no mistake or misunderstanding on this point. It is the duty both of the City Government and of the Trustees to see that everything practicable is done to insure the permanent safety of this inestimable property.

The operations of the past year and the present condition of the Library are briefly as follows. The whole number of volumes at present contained in the Libraries, parent and branches, are 209,456, of which 149,477 are in the Bates Hall. The remainder is to be found in the circulating libraries of the Lower Hall in Boylston street, the East Boston, South Boston, and Roxbury Branches. The increase of the Library

during the year has been 14,644 volumes. The whole number of pamphlets is now 112,153, of which 11,770 have been added during the year. The total circulation has been 467,855, being a daily average of 1,519 for home use. The figures from the Branches are most encouraging. While East Boston shows a circulation of 67,754, from a library of 7,291 volumes, South Boston gives a circulation of 102,322 for 5,174 volumes. The total number of names registered as applicants for the Library privileges are 53,043; of these 1,592 have had cards refused, principally for the reasons of non-residency or under age, and 3,626 have not taken their cards. 177,512 readers frequented the Periodical Reading Room of the Central Library, who read 213,599 magazines. The total number of books loaned and not returned has been between 60 and 70. Most of these were taken from the Lower Hall in Boylston street, and a portion of them may possibly be recovered. The average loss on these figures is one volume in every 7,000 or more loans. The total expenditure from the city appropriations was \$86,498.01, and \$1,681.79 was paid into the City Treasury from fines and sales of catalogues. Other important results will be found in the tables attached to the Superintendent's Report.

The most striking novelty in the administration of the Library has been the opening of its Periodical Reading Rooms on Sunday, at the request of the City Council. The event is too recent to admit of any decisive conclusions. There is not yet occasion for discouragement nor greatly marked features of encouragement for the enterprise. The best indications are to be found in the increasing attendance of adults, and in the presence of a considerable number of people who seldom or never came to the rooms on week days. It was for this latter class specially that the rooms were opened. Another year's trial will enable the Trustees to gauge their results more accurately, and to determine whether the advantages are in due proportion to the expense.

It is most gratifying to find that the establishment of our Branches, as is also the experience of the large English cities, is more successful than could have been possibly anticipated. With the new Branch shortly to be inaugurated in Roxbury in connection with the Fellowes Athenæum, quite as favorable figures may be expected. This Library will at the outset possess superior advantages in having a considerable fund to be annually expended in books of permanent value, all of which, except works of reference, will be used in circulation, bringing as it were a considerable portion of the more valuable modern books, published both here and in England, such as form part of the Bates Hall collection, directly at hand to the residents of the Highland District. In view of the formation of these smaller libraries it is naturally found that convenience of access creates circulation of books where none existed before.

Like the great European Libraries, our institution finds continued embarrassment in any catalogue system. We have long passed the period when it was possible to print in one alphabet, upon any intelligible system, the titles of all the books contained in our Libraries. Such an undertaking would be enormously expensive, and when concluded at the end of five or ten years, the continual additions during that period would require the whole work to be done over again.

The expedients which have been adopted in place of this system are well known to the frequenters of the Library. The card catalogues in the Bates Hall accessible to the public, with the bulletins and class lists, afford the needed information, and the Hand-book prepared by the Superintendent for the use of borrowers, indicates to every reader, how and where he may find what he wants, provided it is upon the shelves of the institution.

The donations to the Library have been continued by its friends during the present year, with the same liberality as before. The report of the Examining Committee shows how

largely it has been indebted since its foundation to the sympathetic generosity of special benefactors and the public at large. Probably no other Library in the world has received so many benefactions from so many different sources as this. In this matter the Trustees would be deeply ungrateful if they felt any distrust in the future.

The most important event of the year has been the acquisition of the Barton Library, for which the negotiations were completed just previous to its close. An account of the volumes acquired, which did not come to the Library until after the beginning of the new library year, will find an appropriate place in the next Report of the Trustees. It is sufficient to say now that it is the most intrinsically valuable addition yet made to the Library, and that it has placed the institution in a position which will render it still more invaluable and indispensable to every cultivator of elegant letters in the country. From the initial correspondence to the final termination of the purchase, Mrs. Cora Livingston Barton, the widow of Thomas P. Barton, the collector of the Library, conducted herself with a liberality founded on generous impulses and a large cultivation. For the purpose of fulfilling the expressed wishes of Mr. Barton, and of keeping the Library together as one collection, and in placing it within the means of our institution, she undoubtedly made a large pecuniary sacrifice. In her sudden death the Trustees experienced a sense of personal loss. Indeed, the whole transaction was as creditable to her as it was advantageous to the city. It is most gratifying to the Trustees to place upon record their acknowledgment of the intelligence and public spirit of the City Government, which so promptly and decisively secured this magnificent acquisition.*

In Appendix No. 23 will be found an enumeration of the employés of the institution, from which some idea may be

* See Appendix for further details.

gained of the multifarious work carried on in the Central Library and its Branches. Great activity is necessary in order to keep pace with the daily requirements of its service. The books as purchased and obtained must be as rapidly as possible collated, classified, shelved, catalogued, and made ready for use. The Library has been fortunate in securing the services of so many accomplished and skilful assistants, both male and female. In fact, there is no position in the world where a large knowledge of language and literature, with systematic habits of application is of more value than in the administration of a great Library.

In an educational point of view it is no exaggeration to say that the largest expectations of the founders of the Library have been more than fulfilled. The liberality of the City Government, and the intelligent generosity of private benefactors have established a store of learning and knowledge which has substantially supplemented, as well as strengthened and developed, most forms of progress known to modern civilization. It has attracted to itself the sympathetic aid and frequent use, not only of the so-called professions, but also of other laborers in science and art, whether engaged in the duties of instruction, or in the practical application of their accomplishments to the daily wants of life. But beyond this the increase of the Library has received a vigorous impulse from the specialists, who have confined themselves to narrower fields of work, the outgrowth of some larger classification. Although all departments are not filled in the same proportion, continuous attention will be paid till such a result shall be measurably obtained. It has placed within reach of our schools and colleges knowledge beyond the instruction of teachers; it has assisted in forming a taste for reading and for culture among many to whom the chances of life had previously denied such an opportunity. Few should be the homes in the City of Boston which should

not have experienced its tangible benefits, and whose inmates have not reason to bless the intelligence which renders its existence a public necessity.

WILLIAM W. GREENOUGH,
G. S. HILLARD,
GEORGE PUTNAM,
WESTON LEWIS,
SAMUEL A. GREEN,
DANIEL S. CURTIS,
JOHN T. CLARK,
W. E. PERKINS,
CHARLES A. BURDITT.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, 24th June, 1873.

(A.)

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Committee, appointed in accordance with the provisions of the sixth section of an Ordinance in relation to the Public Library, "to examine the condition of the Library and report to the Trustees," have made an examination of the Central Library, and the Branches at East Boston and South Boston, and of the building erected for the use of the Roxbury Branch, and respectfully submit the results of their investigation.

In examining the several buildings, the Committee have regarded it as their first duty to ascertain how far the buildings have been made fire-proof, and whether any alterations are needed to provide further security to the books against injury by fire or water. At the present time the pecuniary value of the books in the Central Library alone cannot be estimated at less than half a million of dollars; but this sum very imperfectly represents the loss which would be sustained by the destruction of the Library. To give but a single illustration: the Prince Library, which was deposited with the Trustees in 1866, contains about 1,900 volumes, and is of inestimable value to the student of American history; but so rare are many of the volumes that probably no amount of money would enable the Trustees to duplicate them. This is true also of portions of other collections which have from time to time been given to the city. Their loss would be irreparable, and without them any one wishing to prosecute

thorough and exact inquiries in history or science would have to go elsewhere for his most important materials.

In view of the new light which recent experience has thrown on the combustible character of buildings heretofore regarded as fire-proof, the Committee are unanimously of opinion that the Central Library is not adequately protected against fire, and that immediate attention ought to be given to this matter. The special arrangements which they recommend are the following:—

1. That the common glass sky-lights in the roof should be replaced by Hyatt lights, or by heavy rough glass set in an iron frame and protected by a raised wire netting.

2. That the central lantern should be provided with heavy iron shutters, to be closed from the outside.

3. That double iron shutters, with a water or air chamber between the inner and outer part, should be placed on all the windows opening toward Tremont street.

4. That the present water-pipes should be extended to the top of the building, so that a hand-hose can be attached and used for wetting the roof.

5. That suitable apparatus should be placed on the outside of the building, both in front and rear, for rapidly hoisting hose to the roof in case of any large fire in the neighborhood.

The building erected for the use of the Roxbury Branch is the property of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum. The estate on which it stands is bounded on three sides by public streets, and beside this advantage it is so far from other buildings that no anxiety need be felt at present for its safety. The Committee are glad to add that it is a model of convenient arrangement, and is well worth the examination of persons interested in town libraries. Built at a moderate cost, it makes no pretension to architectural beauty, but is admirably adapted to the use for which it was designed. At

a small additional expense it can be shelved to contain about 100,000 volumes.

The South Boston Branch is located in the second story of a stone and brick building at the corner of Broadway and E street. There are no iron shutters on the building, and on two sides it is exposed to danger from fire communicating from the adjacent buildings. But as the Library is only one of several tenants, and the collection at the present time numbers little more than 5,000 volumes, which could be duplicated at a comparatively small cost, the Committee do not recommend any further expenditure by the City Government, until the wants of the Branch shall justify the erection of a building specially devoted to its use.

A similar remark will apply to the East Boston Branch, which occupies a part of the old Lyman School-house, in Meridian street. It is, however, less exposed to danger from fire than the South Boston Branch; and as the city owns the land and building, suitable accommodations can readily be provided whenever the increase of the Library shall render a reconstruction of the building desirable.

The Committee regard the establishment of these Branches with great favor, as adding largely to the usefulness of the Library. They not only contain books of a similar character to those in the Lower Hall in Boylston street, but by means of the daily communication which has been established with the Central Library, books from either of its departments can be obtained by application at the Branch.

The report of every Examining Committee since 1864 has referred with more or less of detail to the defects of the plan adopted in the erection of the building in Boylston street. This Committee have likewise been impressed by these defects, which even the large capacity for organization, and the great executive ability of the present Superintendent have not been able to overcome. The extensive alterations made within the last two years have nearly doubled the shelf-room,

both in the Lower Hall and in the Bates Hall, and have provided improved, though still inadequate accommodations for some of the employés connected with the former. But in other respects the work of the Library is carried on under great and increasing disadvantages, which can be remedied only by an enlargement of the building. Much of the unpacking, collating, cataloguing, and marking is now performed in the galleries and alcoves, and in the south-eastern tower, used also as a stairway. The rooms for the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent are so cramped and crowded with the necessary furniture and books of reference as greatly to interfere with the discharge of their respective duties. Additional closets, wash-basins, and other conveniences for the employés, now numbering about fifty persons, are also needed. There is no room for meetings of the Trustees. The only room available for the examination of the Foreign and American Patents, which now extend to more than 2,000 volumes, and are in almost constant use, is so small that not more than two or three persons can easily consult them at the same time. The bindery, which occupies a portion of the basement, is much too small for the necessary work of the Library. The newspaper-room, which is also in the basement, is dark, damp, and badly ventilated; and no one can contrast it with the small, but convenient, newspaper-room recently fitted up by the Massachusetts Historical Society without a feeling of regret that this room is the only one in the Public Library which can be appropriated to this important use. If the public are to derive the fullest benefit from the Library, these defects, which do not fall under the notice of an occasional visitor, should be remedied at the earliest practicable opportunity.

In the judgment of the Committee, it would also be much better if separate rooms could be provided for large and valuable collections, like the recently acquired Barton Library, the Parker Library, and some others. Heretofore these collections have been placed in separate alcoves, or

distinct portions of the galleries, appropriately inscribed; and the Committee are informed that the same course will be pursued with regard to the books in the Barton Library.

The acquisition of this Library, so rich in Shakespeariana and in other departments of dramatic literature, was the great event in the history of the Public Library during the past year. As the volumes have not yet been unpacked, only a few of them have come under the examination of the Committee; but the great value of the collection has long been known through the elaborate description in Dr. Wynne's *Libraries of New York*. The Committee desire to congratulate the Trustees and the public on this important addition to the treasures of the Library.

It is a noteworthy fact that with the exception of this purchase almost the whole strength of the Library comes from the direct gift of individuals, or from the income of trust-funds specially given for this purpose. At the very outset Mr. Bates gave about 26,000 volumes; the Bowditch, Parker, Ticknor, and Prince Libraries (the last of which, however, is only deposited with the Trustees) contain 20,326 volumes; and during their lives Mr. Everett and Mr. Ticknor, by whom the original plan for the organization of the Library is understood to have been drawn up, gave 3,587 volumes and 5,673 volumes respectively, exclusive of an immense mass of pamphlets. Indeed, of the whole number of volumes in the Library at the present time, 209,456, exclusive of the Barton collection, nearly one half, 92,333 volumes, are set down as gifts. If to this number are added the volumes purchased from the income of the trust funds, it will be seen how largely the Library is indebted to private munificence. Liberal as have been the appropriations of the City Government, and they have been unstinted, even more has come from other sources. No one who has been familiar with the history of the Library from that day of small things, when it was first opened to the public in the lower floor of

the Mason street School-house, can fail to be amazed at its rapid and healthy growth. For the whole cost of its administration the Library is of course indebted to the annual appropriations of the City Government.

The volumes are all in good condition, with the exception of the usual amount of injury to the books of a more popular character which circulate from the Lower Hall and the Branch Libraries, and of a few volumes in one of the galleries of the Bates Hall, where the old bindings have been destroyed by the heat and foul air. The Committee are by no means confident that such a system of ventilation can be introduced as will obviate this evil; but the subject is one worthy of investigation.

The cataloguing has been regularly kept up, and the Accession Lists, the Shelf Lists, and the Card Catalogue are all that can be desired in those departments. Four numbers of the Library Bulletin have also been issued during the year, and have proved of much service to readers. In 1858, the Index to the Lower Hall Catalogue was issued; and this was followed, in 1861, by the Index to the Bates Hall Catalogue, and in 1866 by a Supplement to the latter. These three volumes were prepared under the direction of the late Professor Jewett, at that time Superintendent of the Library, and form a fit memorial of the bibliographical knowledge and thoroughness of research which that accomplished scholar brought to the discharge of his task. In 1870, the excellent Catalogue of the Prince Library was issued; a Catalogue of the Ticknor Library is in preparation; and by the contract for the purchase of the Barton Library, a Catalogue of that collection must be printed within four years. But the long-expected third volume of the Bates Hall Catalogue has not yet been put to press. The Committee are aware that the tendency of opinion among librarians at the present time is against the issuing of printed Catalogues; but in view of the great number of students who cannot go to the Library

every time they wish to ascertain whether it contains some book of which they have need, it is to be hoped the time will never come when the Trustees will not include within the plan of their operations the issuing of consolidated catalogues as often as the growth of the Library may require. To no better use could the City appropriations be applied; and for it the appropriations should be freely granted.

Complaint in regard to the sensational character of some of the juvenile books in the Library has come to the knowledge of the Committee; but they are not able, from their own examination, to say how far these complaints have a solid foundation. They accordingly recommend the subject to the consideration of the Trustees. They are, however, of the opinion that a closer scrutiny should be made, and a stricter rule should be observed, as to the character of books purchased for the juvenile department, than would be proper in the case of books ordered at the request of adult readers. No doubt a large part of the juvenile literature of the day is of a very unprofitable, if not pernicious, character: it does not afford healthful amusement, and it is not instructive. But it is possible to select from the immense mass of juvenile books some which are harmless, and at the same time not uninteresting to the youthful reader. That the excessive reading of works of fiction is an evil will not be denied, and in the case of school children it is a very great evil; but in their case the remedy is in the hands of parents and guardians, and not with the managers of a public library. It is not easy to see how they could frame rules to prevent the abuse of its privileges, without narrowing its scope and practically limiting its usefulness.

From records kept by the Superintendent, it appears that the number of persons who use the reading-rooms on Sunday is more than half as large as the number using them on other days; and that a very large proportion are persons who use the Library only on Sunday. No case of improper conduct

has been reported ; and no injury has been done to the buildings or the periodicals. The result of the experiment thus far has probably disappointed the expectations of those who took extreme views on one side or the other of this much-vexed question ; but the Committee regard it as highly satisfactory, and as fully justifying the increased cost of carrying on the Library.

GEORGE S. HILLARD,
BENJ. DEAN,
E. D. JORDAN,
CHARLES C. SMITH,
GEORGE H. VIBBERT,
HENRY A. WHITNEY.

BOSTON, June 16, 1873.

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

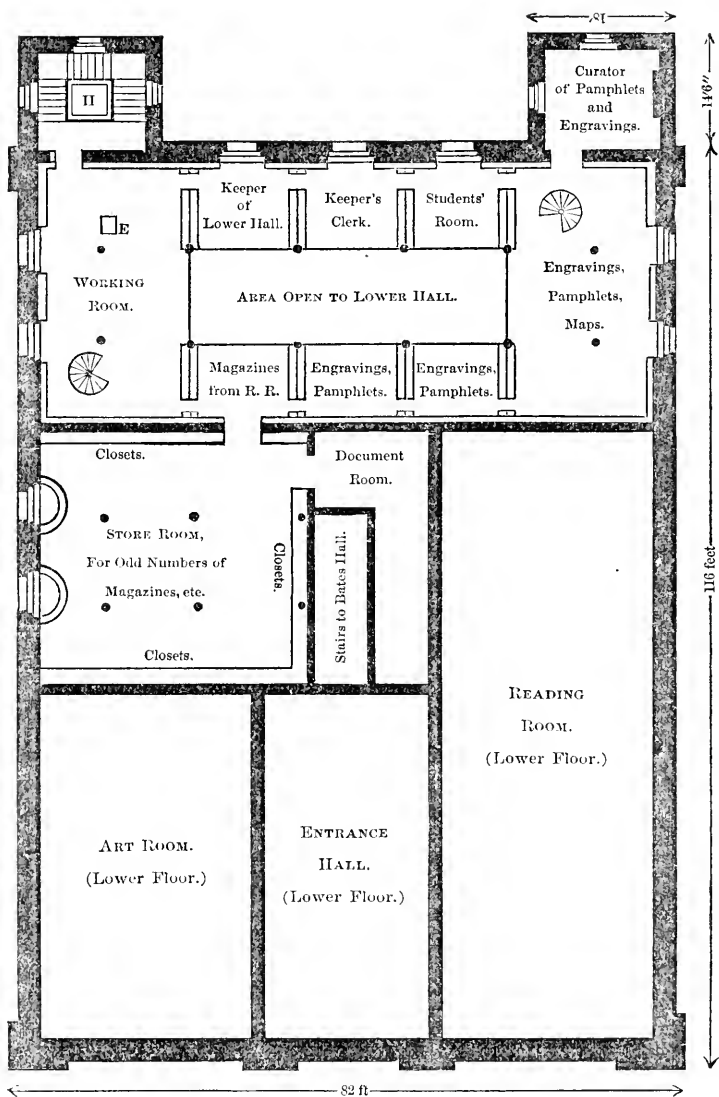
To the Trustees: —

GENTLEMEN, — I herewith present my sixth annual report, and begging to refer you to the tables in the appendix for the body of the information, which you have a right to expect, I shall touch here but a few points that need further elucidation.

THE CENTRAL BUILDING.

The alterations of the easterly alcoves of the Bates Hall, in progress at the date of the last report, were completed so that the books were restored to their places between Sept. 27th and Oct. 20th, and after some supplemental work on the western alcoves, by November 25th the circulation, in all its classifications, was resumed. The gain to the Library by these alterations was fully explained last year.

Work was begun in the Lower Hall August 18th, by erecting supplemental cases on the main floor, into which the books in the galleries were removed September 30th, when a temporary ceiling was laid over these cases, and above this, the work of cutting up the windows, and flooring the new apartments went on with little interruption to the business of the Library. The work was completed and the rooms occupied on the first of January. The annexed plan will represent clearly the new disposition of the various offices.



NEW HALF-STORY

Over the Lower Hall, connecting with the old Half-story (Store-room, etc.) over the Lower Hall Delivery Room.

E—Elevator.

H—Hoisting Apparatus.

The gain from this new arrangement is all that was expected, — a much greater rapidity of delivery of the books from one floor; and an extent and convenience of offices which were never before enjoyed.

The fire of November last led to a survey of the building, and under a decision reached not long afterwards, the roof of the building is to be made practically fire-proof. The windows of the main lantern will be protected by iron shutters; and the ordinary sky-lights over the upper alcoves will be replaced by heavier glass, with honeycomb settings. Means are also to be provided for hoisting hose to the roof without dragging it through the interior of the building. I look, however, upon Hotel Pelham as a standing menace, that renders the most particular precautions advisable. A number of fire-extinguishers, as an additional safeguard, have also been placed in the building. An outer row of iron shutters on the side windows, by providing an air-chamber, would afford further security; but the present shutters are at such distance from the sashes, that wet sail-cloth or blankets placed in the interval will probably furnish good protection in case great heat should curl the shutters. The janitor makes a monthly report upon the condition of all appliances for guarding against and subduing a fire.

It should be added that, during the winter, two agents from the office of Inspector of Buildings have examined the steam-heating apparatus to see if the Library was under any danger from super-heated steam; and have pronounced the building free from danger, except at one point, which was at once attended to.

THE SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

The first year's experience with this Branch has shown a success, as compared with the operations of the East Boston Branch, proportionate to the difference in the population of the two sections of the city. While South Boston has a

population about half as large again as that of East Boston, the number of people registering for the first year, and the extent of the circulation has been in much the same relations, and the immunity from loss has been nearly as favorable.

The formal dedication of this Branch took place, May 16th, 1872, the Mayor presiding, and included an address by the President of the Trustees and others. A full account of the proceedings has been printed as a City document.

The Trustees of the Hawes Fund, having established a School of Art in the same building, have kindly placed a number of their casts upon brackets about the Library rooms, adding much to their attractiveness.

THE ROXBURY BRANCH.

As explained in the appendix of the last Annual Report, the enforced sale of the lot on Bartlett street, on which the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum had begun the erection of a Library building for the use of this Branch, has prevented the inauguration of this department during the year now closed; and the date of opening, which will be not far from the beginning of July, is at least six months later than was anticipated.

A new site having been secured on Millmont street, with the rear on Lambert street, and bounding laterally on Lambert avenue, embracing 15,930 feet of land, the work of reconstruction—in good part with material got out for the structure planned for the original site—began in the autumn. The plans as originally designed have been substantially carried out on the new ground, though a considerable slope from the front has compelled the lowering of the altitude of the rear portion, containing the Library room, while at the same time it has given a high and well-lighted basement room beneath in place of a low cellar. A private door entering from the outside on the side where the Librarian's

room is situated, and into the space between that and the Trustees' room, as marked on the plans given in the last report, is the only other material change. The public are under obligations to the architect and building committee of the Fellowes Trustees for the willing alacrity with which they have adopted every suggestion, derived from our experience ; and I feel confident the result will be, that in convenience of arrangement and adaptation to all the purposes of a popular public library, the building of the Roxbury Branch will be among the few Library structures in the country that embody typical features in due proportion and proper subordination. This will be a matter for constant gratulation.

Moreover, the citizens of Roxbury are under great obligations to S. C. Thwing, Esq., the Treasurer of the Fellowes Fund, for the original instigation, that resulted in the bequest, by which they thus are peculiarly benefited over the other sections of the city.

In forming a collection for this Branch, about 700 volumes were taken in nearly equal proportions from the shelf-duplicates of the Lower Hall and from the Duplicate Room, and to these something over 3,000 had been added, mostly by purchase, up to the 30th of April, on account of the City's appropriation, while to the same date, 865 of the more expensive books had been bought with the money of the Fellowes Fund, making a total of over 4,600 volumes. The Branch will open with something over 5,000 volumes, all of which will have been catalogued and otherwise prepared for the shelves by the time the building is ready to receive them.

NOTE. — The books were removed to the new building on the 20th and 21st of June ; the Reading Room for Periodicals was opened to the public on the 23d ; and the delivery of the books begun on the 16th of July.

THE BOOKS.

If we add the Barton Library (purchased, but not received at the end of the Library year) to the figures of the extent of the collections, shown in appendix I, it will be found that more than 220,000 volumes is the result, which is just double the extent of the Library ten years ago. The Library of Congress still surpasses it, but the Astor Library has only about an equal extent with the Bates Hall collection. The Library seems now to be having a normal increase of about 12,000 to 15,000 volumes a year. Should the acts of the Legislature annexing Charlestown, Brookline, Brighton, and West Roxbury find favor with the people, three new branches — being the existing public libraries in all but the last-named place — will, within a year, be added to our system, bringing to our aggregate something like 35,000 or 40,000 volumes, and swelling the total under the control of the Trustees to nearly 275,000 volumes, — an extent likely to place the Boston Public Library at the head of all American libraries in the aggregate of its collections, as it is already in the value and usefulness of them.

The list of donors in Appendix XI is a continued proof of the good-will which is cherished towards the Library by citizens and remoter friends.

The increasing magnitude of the labor attending the ordering and receiving of books for all the departments of the Library has justified the division of the Library Service, which will appear in Appendix XXIII, by which the faithful assistant of the Superintendent in this duty is assigned to the responsible head of a new department, kept heretofore as an adjunct of the Catalogue Department.

The Library suffered a small loss of books in a bindery in Hawley street, by the fire of November last; and the Italian invoice for the year, embracing a complete set of the public

documents of the Italian government since 1848, upon the collection of which considerable pains had been expended, was on board the ship *Charlotte*, from Leghorn, which was wrecked on Bermuda reefs, in March. Insurance will be recovered in both cases. The Italian books, it proved, were saved, though damaged, and were sold for salvage, and the purchaser has offered them to the Library at one-quarter of the original cost, and his offer is under consideration.

CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

I refer to the full figures of Appendix XII, where it will be seen that the grand total of issues approximates to half a million volumes. I look during the coming year, for a larger use of the Bates Hall than ever before. The last month of the year showed that the circulation, which it maintained before the alterations, had been restored, and it will naturally increase.

In the Lower Hall there was no perceptible diminution of use, from the withdrawal of readers living at East Boston, during the first year after the opening of the Branch in that district. It was too remote from Boylston street to allow its inhabitants to be constant frequenters of the Central Library, and the use which the new Branch got was almost entirely from readers never before enjoying the privileges of the Library. With South Boston the case was different. There was far greater convenience of access for its residents to the Central Library, the drain upon whose frequenters was so severe, that the new retainers on our registration roll have not been able to make the loss good. The loss from last year is, however only about 16,000 issues, while the gain to the Library from the issues at the South Boston Branch has been over 102,000. The natural recuperative power of our circulation will probably more than regain during the coming

year, what has been lost, were no other new Branch to interfere; but the opening of the Roxbury Branch is likely to produce the same temporary stay upon the accumulative tendency of our statistics for the Lower Hall. The check will, however, be but temporary.

To counteract any such tendency, late in the year an additional hour was added to the available time for the delivery of books, by closing the Lower Hall at 9 o'clock, P.M. instead of 8 o'clock P.M. Coincidentally the service of this department has been modified somewhat, the hour of dismissal of the attendants being now uniformly at 7 o'clock (except on Saturdays), instead of varying from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock, as before, and a new force has been organized for evening service, as will be seen by Appendix XXIII.

It should be stated however that the use of the South Boston Branch is not alone the occasion of the loss in our Lower Hall circulation. A very perceptible falling off has been owing to an apprehension with some, during a part of the year, that the circulation of the Library was accountable in some way for the spreading of the small-pox. In all cases when it was known that books had been in houses where the infection existed, they were properly disposed of, when returned. It is worthy of remark that not one in the Library service was attacked by the disease.

For a week or two after the fire of November last the circulation was very materially checked; and considerable diminution was observable during the continuance of the Peace Jubilee of June and July, 1872.

USE OF PERIODICALS.

Referring to Appendix XX, I may add that the same reasons have affected the slight diminution in the use of the Central Reading Room, which has been referred to in connection with the circulation of books.

Acting upon a request of the City Council, the Trustees ordered the opening of the Reading Rooms for Periodicals on Sundays, from 2 P. M. to 9 P. M., and this was done for the first time, February 9th. The use has been from one-half to three-quarters of the average week-day use. The frequenters have been uniformly decorous; and the most favorable feature of the results is, that a large proportion of the Sunday visitors are not such as are seen in the rooms on week-days. After a brief interval of scrutiny among those interested favorably or adversely in the experiment, this inroad upon old custom has passed from all active observation and the bulk of the population probably neither know nor care about the practice; leaving a comparatively small number of people to find a satisfaction in the privilege that sufficiently pays for the attendant outlay.

CATALOGUES.

In pursuance of a policy of guiding rather than forcing the public taste in the selection of books, the past year has been significant in the publication of two different helps to this end.

First. In August a new Hand-book for Readers was issued, including the regulations, a description of the possessions of the Library most likely to interest the curious, with a brief summary of its history. Its distinctive feature, however, was a full description of the catalogues, with directions how to use them, and lists of books classified under various subject heads, calculated to acquaint the reader with the simplest methods of bibliographical research. Before the year closed, an edition of 5,000 had been distributed, and a second amended edition is now in press.

Second. The scope of the new Lower Hall Class List for History, Biography and Travel, has, in its progress through the press, been much enlarged. In addition to the features

mentioned in the Report for last year, notes have been appended to all the subject-references of importance, which sometimes give concisely the history of the literature of the subjects, and often afford indications of the bearing and purposes of particular books, — the aim being to give assistance to persons looking for books under subjects. Constant reference has also been made to the Catalogues of the Bates Hall, with the hope that the user of the Library will thus learn better how the two collections can be made to supplement one another. While it cannot but be believed that good will come of this innovation in the style of popular catalogues, there can be no doubt that personal attention to the wants of unskilful users of the catalogues would accomplish much more; but other duties prevent any of the officers making it a special object. This latter work is an excellent field for a humanitarian of tact and the requisite knowledge, who could counsel without dogmatism or personal bias, if such a one could be found to devote his mornings and evenings among the scores and hundreds of inexperienced frequenters of the Library halls.

The publication of this catalogue has been delayed by the increasing labor, and by the misfortune of November last, much beyond what was anticipated. It was thought to have been half carried through the press when the entire edition up to that point was destroyed in the great fire. The reprinting of that portion, however, has given the opportunity for much improving it, and it is now hoped that it will be in the hands of the public during August. It has proved so extensive that the original project of appending to it a second edition of the Chronological List of Historical Fiction has been abandoned, and that work must find an independent issue.

A second edition of the list of periodicals currently received in the Central Library has likewise been printed, and brief discriminations of the character of the several

periodicals added to the titles in cases where it was necessary.

A supplemental List of the Tosti Engravings, including those framed in the lower floor of the Central Library, and not included already in the List of Portraits, has been prepared by Mr. Whitney, the Principal Assistant of the Library, to whom has been entrusted with confidence this critical labor. The present issue completes the work.

The general work of this department, including the issue of four Bulletins, has gone forward satisfactorily under the immediate direction of Mr. Wheeler, its accomplished head.

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN WINSOR,

Superintendent.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, June 2d, 1873.

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TO THE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

1873.

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APPENDIX I.

EXTENT OF THE LIBRARY, BY YEARS.

YEARS.	CENTRAL LIBRARY.				E. Boston Branch.	S. Boston Branch.	ROXBURY BRANCH.			Pamphlets added from the beginning.
	Bates Hall.	Lower Hall.	News-paper Room.	Duplicate Room.			Branch.	Fellowes Athenaeum.	Total.	
1.	9,088	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	961
2.	16,221	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,950
3.	22,617	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,507
4.	28,080	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,886
5.	34,896	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,053
6.	70,851	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,938
7.	78,043	60,420	15,819	1,804	...	...	...	...	...	19,255
8.	85,032	66,228	17,000	1,804	...	...	...	...	...	20,707
9.	*97,386	75,217	19,101	3,008	...	...	...	...	...	27,381
10.	105,034	79,359	20,881	4,794	...	...	...	...	...	28,874
11.	110,563	82,801	22,525	5,237	...	...	...	...	...	31,043
12.	116,934	88,226	23,592	5,116	...	...	...	...	...	31,837
13.	123,016	93,172	24,860	4,984	...	...	...	...	...	32,553
14.	130,878	100,171	25,366	5,141	...	...	...	...	...	36,566
15.	136,080	*25,199	...	5,146	...	...	...	...	...	44,443
16.	144,092	111,681	26,606	5,805	...	...	...	...	...	47,254
17.	152,796	117,967	28,723	6,106	...	...	...	...	...	61,177
18.	160,573	124,419	29,909	6,245	...	...	...	...	...	74,770
19.	170,250	135,786	30,574	*6,954	5,936	...	...	...	...	89,746
20.	192,958	142,685	31,827	*7,314	6,767	4,365	...	...	...	100,883
21.	203,456	149,477	32,603	*8,183	7,291	5,174	3,750	865	4,615	112,153

* Actual count. † Nine months.

NOTE. — The aggregate of pamphlets "added from the beginning" includes many since bound, singly or groups (which are now counted among volumes), and a very large number of duplicates, which are thrown out and put among the pamphlets held for exchange.

APPENDIX II.

YEARLY INCREASE OF THE WHOLE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE
AND BY GIFTS.

Years.		Increase. (Net after 1861.)		Gifts. (See App. IX.)		Purchases in- cluding those charged to funds.		Felloes Athenae- um.	Donors, exclud- ing anony- mous.
		Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	†Pamph.	Vols.	
1 . . .	1852-53	9,688	961	4,000	961	5,688	. . .	. . .	75
2 . . .	1853-54	6,533	2,989	2,152	2,989	4,381	. . .	. . .	105
3 . . .	1854-55	6,396	2,557	2,663	2,468	3,733	89	. . .	153
4 . . .	1855-56	5,463	5,879	1,865	5,330	3,598	549	. . .	126
5 . . .	1856-57	6,816	3,667	1,686	3,646	5,130	21	. . .	132
6 . . .	1857-58	*35,955	1,885	30,214	1,885	5,741	. . .	. . .	381
7 . . .	1858-59	7,192	1,317	3,405	1,317	3,787	. . .	. . .	247
8 . . .	1859-60	6,989	1,452	3,741	1,452	3,245	. . .	. . .	207
9 . . .	1860-61	†16,948	6,674	12,299	6,656	4,649	18	. . .	242
10 . . .	1861-62	7,391	1,493	1,274	1,493	6,117	. . .	. . .	234
11 . . .	1862-63	5,529	2,169	829	1,958	4,700	212	. . .	194
12 . . .	1863-64	6,226	2,939	1,081	2,772	5,145	167	. . .	219
13 . . .	1864-65	6,082	1,516	804	1,026	5,178	490	. . .	328
14 . . .	1865-66	7,662	4,013	1,476	3,342	6,286	671	. . .	336
15 . . .	1866-67	5,303	7,877	1,465	7,769	7,732	108	. . .	300
16 . . .	1867-68	7,673	2,811	1,554	2,513	6,396	293	. . .	342
17 . . .	1868-69	8,685	13,923	2,138	10,984	6,531	2,939	. . .	649
18 . . .	1869-70	7,775	13,593	1,646	10,228	6,129	3,365	. . .	666
19 . . .	1870-71	§18,099	14,976	9,750	10,805	8,349	4,171	. . .	604
20 . . .	1871-72	||13,708	10,637	4,349	5,831	9,359	4,806	. . .	610
21 . . .	1872-73	14,644	11,770	3,939	8,060	10,705	3,710	**865	601

* Of these, 24,618 were the Bates gift.

† Of these, 11,721 were the Parker bequest.

‡ Includes pamphlets added both by purchase and exchange, as taken from the Accession Catalogue. The large number of recent years has been occasioned by the systematic completion of serials and periodicals for the Central Library, as well as for the Branches.

§ Including 3,774 volumes of the Ticknor bequest, and 2,682 from the Sumner Library Association.

|| Including 1,471 volumes from the Mattapan Literary Association.

** Included in previous columns. These volumes are not the property of the Public Library, but form a part of the Roxbury Branch by agreement.

APPENDIX III.

EXTENT OF THE BATES HALL COLLECTION IN VOLUMES.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
The General Library	87,658	93,553	101,428	107,724	115,232	121,709	126,207
Patent Library . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	||2,120
Bowditch Library*	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542
Parker Library*	†11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907
Prince Library	1,952	1,952	1,952	1,952	†1,970	1,970	1,970
Tieknor Library . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,774	\$3,907	3,907
Barton Library ** . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Entered on the Accession Catalogue, but not yet located	1,678	1,327	140	294	361	651	829
	105,737	111,281	117,969	124,419	135,786	142,686	149,482
Condemned	0	0	2	0	0	1	5
Total	105,737	111,281	117,967	124,419	135,786	142,685	149,477

* See Appendix IX.

† Including 186 duplicates, which are boxed and stored in the basement.

‡ Including 18 vols. of MSS.

§ Includes 31 vols. of MSS. as bound. When received they were mostly in stitched brochures, several of which are now bound in one volume. The remainder of the difference between these figures and those for the previous year, arose from some discrepancy in the count of pamphlets destined for volumes.

|| Divided into 1,791 volumes for the English; 130 volumes for the American; and 199 volumes for the French specifications and drawings. Included previously in the General Library. Now in charge of a special Curator.

** Purchased, but not yet received and enumerated.

NOTE. — Of the volumes lost from the Bates Hall some reappear each year, while a few in excess disappear, increasing the aggregate loss a little; so that it is probable the figures of the Bates Hall collection are a trifle in excess of what an actual count would indicate.

APPENDIX IV.

EXTENT OF THE LOWER HALL COLLECTION.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
Reported the preceding year	25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	
Added during the year	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799	
Total	27,202	29,075	30,140	32,689	33,188	33,626	
Books transferred to Bates Hall	339	93	19	23	7	1	
Books transferred to Branches				859	555	342	
Condemned during the year	257	259	212	1,233	819	678	
Total left	*25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,605

* Actual count.

NOTE.—There have been since the last actual count in 1867, perhaps a hundred volumes irrecoverably lost in the Lower Hall. Perhaps an equal number are to be classed as “unaccounted for,” but may reappear.

APPENDIX V.

SALE DUPLICATES AND ODD VOLUMES.

(Not including the Parker duplicates, or a large lot of odd and imperfect volumes of books, not likely to have the missing volumes supplied, which are boxed up at intervals.)

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
Number at beginning of year,	4,955	5,146	5,805	6,106	. . . .	6,954	7,314
Added during the year	714	1,004	847	443	383	996	1,375
	5,669	6,150	6,652	6,549	. . . .	7,950	8,689
Disposed of	523	345	546	304	234	636	1506
Total	5,146	5,805	6,106	6,245	*6,954	*7,314	*8,183

* This number is by an actual count of the serviceable volumes now arranged in our Duplicate Room; and it includes three hundred and eighty-one volumes of British Sessional documents, ready for exchange.

† Of these, one hundred and forty-five were exchanged and three hundred and sixty-one sent to the Roxbury Branch. A considerable number of odd and imperfect volumes, of which no account is made, have been sent to the City quarantine boat.

NOTE.—There are also of pamphlets some thirty thousand duplicates, arranged and ready for exchanges. Libraries are invited to make such exchanges.

APPENDIX VI.

INCREASE OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
<i>Bates Hall.</i>						
Gain in located b'ks (App.VIII.)	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,384	6,622
Of these not located at last Report	1,678	1,327	140	294	4,135	651
Added and located	4,619	6,148	6,156	7,214	6,249	5,971
Added and not located	1,327	140	294	4,135	651	829
Total gain	5,946	6,288	6,450	11,349	6,900	6,800
Condemned		2			1	5
Net gain	5,946	6,290	6,450	11,349	6,899	6,795
<i>Lower Hall.</i>						
Gain in located books	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799
Less transfers and condemned books	596	352	231	2,115	1,361	1,021
Net gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	778
<i>Newspaper Room.</i>						
Gain in located books . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254
Less loss . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0
Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254
<i>Duplicate Room.</i>						
Gain by addition . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,375
Less loss by exchanges, etc. . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	506
Net gain	659	301	139	149	360	869
<i>E. Boston Branch.</i>						
Gain in located books . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,936	881	621
Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	97
Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,936	831	524
<i>S. Boston Branch.</i>						
Gain in located books . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	885
Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76
Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,365	809

APPENDIX VI, *Continued.*

		1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
<i>Roxbury Branch.</i>	Gain in city part . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,754
	Condemned and lost . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
	Net gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,750
	Fellows Athenæum . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	865
	Total gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,615
<i>Total Increase.</i>	Bates Hall gain	5,046	6,290	6,450	11,349	6,899	6,795
	Lower Hall gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	778
	Newspaper Room gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	254
	Duplicate Room gain	659	301	139	149	260	869
	E. B. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	5,936	831	524
	S. B. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,365	809
	Rox. Branch gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,750
	Fellows Athenæum gain . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	865
	Total gain	8,012	8,708	7,775	18,099	13,708	14,644

APPENDIX VII.

INCREASE FROM NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.

	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
English Books with British imprint	635	708	625	811	899	1,096	1,389
English Books with American imprint	1,154	1,445	1,455	1,411	2,206	3,642	4,301
English Books with Continental imprint	104	100	80	50	48	115	291
Foreign Books	539	673	789	487	561	891	1,064
Duplicates of either class, when not included in the other items	97	.....	447	248	480	.....	.....
Total	2,529	2,926	3,396	3,007	4,194	5,744	7,045

APPENDIX VIII.

VOLUMES LOCATED IN BATES HALL, BY MONTHS.

MONTHS.	1868-69.	1869-70.	1870-71.	1871-72.	1872-73.
May	758	. . . . .	727	455	584
June	509	. . . . .	480	464	584
July	1,037	. . . . .	462	291	631
August	383	347	520	518	554
September	713	833	378	511	457
October	866	697	546	295	520
November	443	763	695	*4,528	489
December	639	632	905	651	646
January	626	834	427	611	658
February	563	633	706	724	456
March	521	382	1,001	788	551
April	417	1,175	661	†598	492
Total	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,384	6,622
Pamphlet volumes arranged by the Curator				385	554

NOTE. — These monthly figures are the results of tables made out year by year, like the one constituting Appendix VI for 1899. The figures for May, June and July, 1868-69, should follow those for April of the same year. They were misplaced to adapt the table to a change of the Library year.

* 3,576 are books of the Ticknor Library, then assigned to permanent places.

† Includes 31 vols. of the Ticknor MSS.

Pamphlets. During the year the Curator of pamphlets has rearranged all the loose pamphlets by subjects, etc., in the new Cabinet Room; and such as were duplicates and not needed have been arranged in adjacent apartments.

APPENDIX IX.

BATES HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

(Not including volumes added, but not yet located.)

SPECIAL LIBRARIES.										GENERAL LIBRARY.											Total of Bates Hall, in- cluding the Special Libraries.
Powder Mill Library.	1883.	Parker Library.	1884.	Primer Library.	1886.	Tieknor Library.	1871.	Barton Library.	1873.	Patent Library.	Class No.	CLASSES.	Located 1867.	Located 1868.	Located 1869.	Located 1870.	Located 1871.	Located 1872.	Located 1873.	May 1, 1873.	
244	276	6			I.	Cyclopedias, etc.	24	86	19	22	22	32	10	1,241	1,767
32	596	3	246	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	II.	Bibliography and Literary History . . .	170	231	326	271	278	235	205	4,131	5,008
16	650	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	III.	General History, Biography, Travel and Geography	170	140	184	157	223	284	199	4,257	4,977
96	613	624	152	...	...	...	...	...	...	130	IV.	American History, Geography, Biogra- phy, Travel, and Polite Literature . .	515	1,168	1,438	918	1,305	911	983	15,932	17,627
75	573	69	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,791	V.	English History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	493	762	739	767	1,018	655	605	13,783	16,307
59	413	7	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	199	VI.	French History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	188	335	413	207	263	443	530	7,975	8,693
9	291	2	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	VII.	Italian History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Polite Literature	87	229	189	160	238	249	60	5,804	6,136
7	1,283	8	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	VIII.	Germanic History, Geography, Biogra- phy, Travel, and Polite Literature . .	228	159	266	222	250	260	4,893	6,209	
6	1,122	196	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	IX.	Greek, Latin, and Philology	190	100	112	97	107	82	123	3,693	5,044
20	82	...	2,765	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	X.	Spanish and Portuguese History, and Literature . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	27	47	605	3,472
2	369	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XI.	Other History, Geography, Biography, Travel, and Literature	214	216	189	160	262	176	222	3,401	3,773

908	601	5	97	XII.	Periodicals and Transactions	314	341	507	445	560	397	394	13,102	14,713
144	3,243	872	310	XIII.	Theology, Ecclesiastical History, etc. . . .	968	585	836	617	985	496	620	12,111	16,080
5	1,247	49	77	XIV.	Metaphysics and Social Science	185	343	429	444	378	263	324	5,901	6,379
3	397	13	30	XV.	Jurisprudence	145	161	111	112	114	106	115	2,733	3,076
65	98	15		XVI.	Political Economy	79	66	118	75	130	58	101	1,219	1,397
3	66	22		XVII.	Medical Science	370	556	706	515	365	669	747	7,963	8,054
14	124			XVIII.	Natural History and Science	155	170	172	212	191	331	289	5,290	5,428
824	90	20	53	XIX.	Mathematics and Physical Sciences	312	318	394	449	485	434	323	6,959	7,946
4	9			XX.	Useful Arts	96	116	119	102	76	181	256	1,727	1,740
	29	1		XXI.	Fine Arts	197	205	143	338	253	215	201	3,962	3,992
6				XXII.	Bound Vols. of Miscellaneous Pamphlets. . . .			15	6	5	3	9	425	431
		18	31	XXIII.	Bound Vols. of Manuscripts							49	0	49
2,542	11,721	1,970	3,907		Totals	5,100	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508	6,477	6,622	126,207	148,908

EXPLANATION. — Class III includes General History, Universal Biographies, Histories of Eras, Voyages and Travels, when embracing several countries, and collected works of historians.

Class IV includes North and South American History, Documents and Statistics, Biographies of Americans, Geography of, and Voyages and Travels in America, with the collected works of American writers, and what of American Literature is sometimes termed Polygraphy.

Class V, CLASS VI, CLASS VII, CLASS VIII. — These have the same scope for the respective countries that Class IV has for America. Class VIII includes also Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland, as also the Scandinavian nations.

Class XI includes Russia, Greece, Turkey, with Asia, Africa, Australia, Polynesia, etc.

Class XIV includes Political Science, Social Science, and Ethics applied and unapplied, Intellectual Science, Education, Rhetoric, Logic, Phrenology, etc.

Class XIX includes Mechanics, Military and Naval Arts, Agriculture, Domestic Arts, etc.

Class XXI embraces all such pamphlet volumes as may have been received from time to time, and are generally too heterogeneous in their make-up to be classed otherwise than by themselves.

The subdivisions of classes are kept in ranges by themselves, so that for purposes of enumeration or learning percentage of use, it is practicable at any time to get exact figures upon the subdivisions; as also upon such points as Biography, Travel and Voyages, etc., by summing the results of the ranges devoted to them in the several shelves.

NOTE. — The above figures of the special collections, excepting the Patent Library, which is yearly increased, exhibit them as when received in the Public Library and assigned to our shelves. There have been since then some small additions to them, chiefly from continuations of serials, but such accessions are counted in the classes of the general Library, though the books are located with the special collection. The increase of the Tieknor Library will hereafter be considerable from the fund left by the donor; but the accession will appear in this table under the increase of the General Library.

The "locations" under Classes IV, V and VI include the annual increase of the Patent Library, but the column "May 1, 1873," does not include the totals of the Patent Library, or of the other special libraries.

APPENDIX X.

LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

CLASSES.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873. To be deducted.							
	Total, Aug. 1.	Total, Aug. 1.	Total, Aug. 1.	Total, May 1.	Total, May 1.	Total, May 1.	New books added.	Duplicates added.	Condemned bks replaced.	Total added, 1872-73.	Transferred to B. II.	Transferred to Branches.	Condemned.	Total, May 1, 1873.
Theology, Moral and Intellectual Science, etc.	1,488	1,569	1,651	1,703	1,753	1,805	31	1	1	33	0	34	2	1,802
Jurisprudence and Political Science	270	276	280	283	269	275	8	3	0	11	0	1	0	285
Medicine, Mathematics, Physics or Natural Science	1,705	1,778	1,857	1,898	1,908	1,948	103	6	2	111	1	14	1	2,043
Useful and Fine Arts, Military and Naval Science .	599	629	647	654	639	629	34	2	1	37	0	5	5	656
American History and Politics	1,023	1,059	1,082	1,089	1,086	1,070	12	5	0	17	0	7	3	1,077
Foreign History and Politics	1,333	1,374	1,387	1,401	1,363	1,359	15	3	1	19	0	24	0	1,354
Poetry, Drama, Oratory, Rhetoric	2,268	2,344	2,534	2,576	2,467	2,529	44	7	0	51	0	32	4	2,544
English Prose Fiction, including Juvenile Fiction, and other juvenile books	7,165	8,062	9,130	9,818	10,469	11,281	495	387	238	1,120	0	0	537	11,864
Biography	2,342	2,223	2,300	2,336	2,298	2,281	37	9	0	46	0	79	2	2,246
Travels	1,897	1,871	1,989	2,041	1,990	1,980	47	24	7	78	0	84	9	1,965
Libraries, Collections, Periodicals, etc.*	2,621	2,798	3,125	3,305	3,478	3,771	88	131	12	231	0	62	113	3,827
German Books	1,137	1,206	1,232	1,246	1,247	1,250	6	0	7	13	0	0	1	1,262
Italian Books	221	221	221	224	226	226	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	227
French Books	1,043	1,104	1,191	1,209	1,209	1,213	19	1	0	20	0	0	1	1,232
Spanish Books . . . . .	...	...	...	...	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Books of Reference	87	92	97	126	171	214	11	0	0	11	0	0	0	225
Totals	25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	951	579	269	1,799	1	342	678	32,605

* This class embracing sets like Belan's "Libraries," etc., includes many books, of course which, in a minute classification, would have been divided among all the previous heads of this table.

NOTE. — The column of "Condemned books replaced" includes books condemned in previous years as well as in the current year. The column "Total added" shows the number of volumes as put upon the shelves, counting as one those bound two volumes in one, etc.

APPENDIX XI.

LIST OF DONORS, 1872-73.

Bates, Joshua, <i>London</i> , interest on the fund of	.	.	\$50,000
Bigelow, <i>Hon.</i> John P.,	"	"	1,000
Franklin Club,	"	"	1,000
Lawrence, <i>Hon.</i> Abbott,	"	"	10,000
Philips, <i>Hon.</i> Jonathan,	"	"	30,000
Ticknor, George,	"	"	4,000
Townsend, Mary P.,	"	"	4,000
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			\$100,000

DONATIONS MAY 1, 1872, TO APRIL 30, 1873.

Donors (excluding anonymous),	601
Volumes,	.	.	.	.	.	3,939
Pamphlets,	.	.	.	.	.	8,060

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Abbe, <i>Rev.</i> Frederic R.,	1	
Advocate Publishing Company, <i>Jackson, Tenn.</i> , 1 newspaper,		
Alabama, University of, <i>Tuscaloosa</i> ,		1
Albert Memorial Museum, <i>Exeter, England</i> ,		2
Allen, Asa Witter, <i>Salem, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Allen, Edward G., <i>London</i> , 42 numbers of periodicals,		
Allen, Willard S.,		
American Antiquarian Society, <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
American Baptist Missionary Union,	1	
American Bible Society, <i>New York City</i> ,	10	5
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,	4	
American Colonization Society, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		1
American Geographical Society, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
American Home Missionary Society, <i>New York City</i> ,	2	
American Philosophical Society, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
American Social Science Association, 36 numbers of periodicals,	142	186
American Unitarian Association,	2	1
Amory, Thomas C.,	1	
Andover Theological Seminary,		1
Anonymous, 23 numbers of periodicals,	26	21

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Anthon, Charles E., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Appleton, Daniel,	1	
Appleton, Nathan,	1	
Appleton, W. S.,	135	3
Armstrong and Co., 1 lithograph,		
Attwood, Gilbert and Co.,		1
Atwell, Richard, I.,	11	22
Austin, S. H., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	25
Axon, William E. A., <i>Manchester, England</i> , 1 broadside,		4
Baker, Joseph,	1	
Baldwin, Charles C., <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Balfour, David M., <i>Charlestown</i> ,	2	2
Ballou, Maturin M.,	1	
Baltimore, Md., Mercantile Library,		36
Barnard, James M.,	5	
Barr, John C., <i>Pittsburgh, Pa.</i> ,		1
Bartol, George M. Rev., <i>Lancaster, Mass.</i> ,		3
Bassett, Rev. E. B., <i>Warwick, Mass.</i> ,	2	
Batchelder, Rev. C. R., <i>Bethel, Vt.</i> ,	1	
Bell, James B.,		1
Bennett, Joseph E., <i>Manchester, N. H.</i> ,	2	1
Berkshire Athenaeum, <i>Pittsfield, Mass.</i> ,		1
Berlin, <i>Prussia</i> , City of,	1	
Bigelow, Jacob, <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Bigelow, Hon. John P., The Estate of, 1 broadside,	227	35
Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries Committee,	1	1
Bixby, George Holmes, <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Bixby, H. C.,		1
Blood, Mary W., 64 newspapers,	1	1
Bogart, W. H.,	1	
Bolles, W. P., <i>M. D.</i> ,	11	13
Bossange, Gustave, <i>Paris, France</i> ,	1	2
Boston, City of,	29	297
—— Athenaeum,	1	4
—— Board of Trade, 10 broadsides,	4	160
—— College,		1
—— Gas Light Company,	9	
—— Home for Aged Men,		1
—— Home for Little Wanderers,		1
—— Industrial Aid Society,		1
—— Land Company,		1
—— North St. Union Mission,		2
—— Overseers of the Poor,	1	12
—— Penitent Females' Refuge,		1
—— Port and Seamen's Aid Society,		1
—— Provident Association,		3
—— Young Men's Christian Union,		2
—— Young Women's Christian Association,		2
Boston and Albany Railroad Company,		5
Both, Carl, <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Bowditch, Henry I., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> ,		2
Bowen, James A.,	3	
Bradford, George P.,	3	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Bradford, T. G., 26 newspapers, 13 broadsides,	2	11
Bradlee, <i>Rev.</i> Caleb D.,	1	4
Brainard, E., 2 photographs,		
Brewer, Gardner,	1	
Brewer, Thomas M., <i>M. D.</i> ,	6	4
Bridgeman Alfred, and Son, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Brigham, Charles B., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Brigham, <i>Rev.</i> Charles H., <i>Ann Arbor, Mich.</i> ,		2
Brighton, Town Clerk,		1
British Museum, <i>London</i> ,	3	3
Brockhaus, F. A., <i>Leipzig, Germany</i> ,		1
Brookline, Town of,	1	
—— Public Library,		1
Brooklyn, <i>N. Y.</i> , Art Association,	2	
—— Mercantile Library Association,		1
—— Park Commissioners,	1	
Brown, Buckminster, <i>M. D.</i> ,	4	6
Brown, Francis H., <i>M. D.</i> ,		8
Brunn, Chr. V., <i>Copenhagen</i> ,	1	2
Buffalo, <i>N. Y.</i> , Catholic Institute,		1
—— University of,		1
Bufford, <i>Rev.</i> Marcellus, <i>Portsmouth, N. H.</i> ,		1
Burrroughs, <i>Rev.</i> Henry,	1	
Butler, <i>Hon.</i> Benj. F., <i>Lowell</i> ,		1
Butler Hospital for the insane, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1
California Pharmaceutical Society, <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> ,		1
—— State Library, <i>Sacramento</i> ,	2	
Canada, Commissioner of Patents,	3	
—— Department of Agriculture,		12
—— Department of Public Works,	2	12
—— Geological Survey,	2	
Capen, Barnard,	1	
Capen, F. L.,	1	
Carlton and Lanahan, <i>New York City</i> ,		16
Caswell, Edward T., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1
Chamberlin, David,		1
Chambers, George E., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		1
Champney, J. W.,	1	
Chandler, <i>Hon.</i> Z., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Chapman, E. D.,	3	
Charlestown, City of,		1
—— Public Library,	1	1
Chelsea, City of,		3
Christern, F. W., <i>New York City</i> ,	6	2
Christian Register Association,	2	
Christian Visitor, The, Publisher,	2	
Chute, J. M., <i>Chelsea</i> , 24 broadsides,	7	7
Cincinnati, <i>Ohio</i> , Young Men's Mercantile Library Association,	6	5
Claghorn, James L., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		1
Clapp, David, and son, 1,949 numbers of periodicals,	15	253
Clapp, Otis,	10	543
Clarke, <i>Rev.</i> James F., 218 numbers of periodicals,	12	471
Clarke, Robert, and Co., <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,	5	9
Cleveland, <i>Rev.</i> N., Westport, Conn., 12 numbers of periodicals,	19	76

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Coe, Levi E., <i>West Meriden, Conn.</i> ,	1	
Colman's Rural World, The, Publisher, <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> ,	1	
Columbia College, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	2
Commonwealth, The, Publisher,	3	
Concord, <i>N. H.</i> , City Clerk,		22
Conkling, Clinton L., <i>Springfield, Ill.</i> ,	1	
Connecticut Board of Education,	6	
Coolidge, Algernon, <i>M. D.</i> , 50 numbers of periodicals,		1
Corbin, P., and H., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Cornell University, <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> ,		6
Creery, William R., <i>Baltimore, M. D.</i> ,	1	
Cronin, David E., <i>Binghampton, N. Y.</i> ,		1
Cross, James M., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,	1	1
Cullis, Charles, <i>M. D.</i> ,		4
Cumings, Bradley N., 45 numbers of periodicals,	148	354
Cupples, Joseph G.,		11
Curtis, P. G.,	1	
Cutter, Charles A.,	1	1
Dalton, Henry R.,	376	75
Dana, E. E., 1 number of a periodical,		
Dana, Hon. Richard H., Jr.,		1
Deane, Charles,		1
Deblois, Stephen G.,	1	
Deborah, Die, Publisher, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,	2	
Dellinger, Fanny, 1 newspaper,		
Dennet, W. H.,		4
Derby, George, <i>M. D.</i> ,	21	2
Detroit, <i>Mich.</i> , Board of Education,		1
Deutscher Medicinischer Verein, 178 numbers of periodicals,		
Dexter, Franklin B., <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> ,	1	
Dickinson College, <i>Carlisle, Pa.</i> ,		2
Dixon, Thomas, <i>Sunderland</i> ,		4
Douglass, D. De Forrest, <i>Springfield</i> ,		1
Dow, J. E., <i>Peoria, Ill.</i> ,		1
Drake, Francis S.,		1
Drew, M.,		1
Drummond, Josiah H., <i>Portland, Me.</i> ,		1
Dubois, Patterson, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
Duren, Dea. Elnathan F., <i>Bangor, Me.</i> ,		1
Durrie, Daniel S., <i>Madison, Wis.</i> ,		1
Dwelschanvers, Celestine,	1	
Dwight, Edmund,		8
Eclectic Medical Institute, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,		1
Edes, Rev. Richard S., <i>Bolton</i> ,		1
Eissfeldt, Ferdinand,	1	
Eliot, John Fleet,	10	
Emerson, Hon. George B., 1 photograph, 3 maps, 2 numbers of periodicals, 2 broadsides,	12	204
Essex Institute, <i>Salem</i> ,	2	2
Evans, Rev. F. W.,	1	
Everett, Horace, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
Fall River, Public Library,		1
—— School Committee,		17

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Ferris, B. G., <i>Ithaca, N. Y.</i> ,		1
Fitchburg Railroad Company,		1
Flügel, Dr. Felix, <i>Leipzig, Germany</i> ,		4
Foley, William J.,	1	1
Foot, Samuel A., <i>Geneva, N. Y.</i> ,	2	
Foote, Rev. Henry W.,		1
Ford, William E.,		2
Forssman, O. W. A., <i>Cape Town</i> ,		1
Foster, William H.,		1
Fowler, M. F.,		1
Franks, Augustus W., Executor of the Estate of F. Slade, <i>London</i> ,	1	
Freeman, William F., and Co.,		1
French, Hon. Henry F.,		1
Gaffield, Thomas,	4	
Gardner, William S.,	2	
Garrison, W. P., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, through W. S. Perry,	2	
George, W. S., and Co., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	2	
Georgia, University of, <i>Athens</i> ,		1
Globe Publishing Company,	1	
Goel, Mrs. G. B., 7 numbers of periodicals,	1	3
Gorham Manufacturing Company, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Gould, Prof. B. A., <i>Córdoba, Argentine Republic</i> ,		1
Graham, William, <i>Detroit, Mich.</i> ,	1	
Grahame, T., 165 newspapers,	1	4
Gray, Hon. William,	1	
Green, Samuel A., <i>M. D.</i> ,	4	31
Greene, Rev. J. S. Copley, <i>Brookline</i> ,	10	
Greenough, William W.,	5	1
Guild, Chester,		31
Guild, Curtis, and Co.,	41	82
Guild, Reuben A., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,	1	3
Gunn, R. A., <i>M. D., New York City</i> ,	5	
Hale, Hon. Charles,		1
Hale, Rev. Charles R., <i>Auburn, N. Y.</i> ,		3
Harding, William P.,	1	
Harrison, W., and Son, <i>London</i> ,	1	
Hart, Charles H., <i>Pennsylvania, Pa.</i> ,	1	152
Harvard College, <i>Cambridge</i> ,		1
— Museum of Comparative Zoölogy,	1	5
— Peabody Museum,		2
— Medical College,	12	101
Haskins, Rev. David G., <i>Cambridge</i> ,		1
Haskins, Rev. George Foxcroft,	1	1
Hayes, John L., 1 newspaper,		
Haynes, Prof. Henry W., <i>Burlington, Vermont</i> ,	3	1
Hazard, Willis P., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
Heinzen, Karl,		1
Hill, William N.,	1	
Hillard, Hon. George S.,	1	4
Hingham. Agricultural and Horticultural Society,		3
— School Committee,		1

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Hinton, James, <i>London</i> ,	1	
Hoadley, Charles J., <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> ,	6	
Hoar, Hon. E. R., <i>Concord</i> ,	1	
Holton Library, <i>Brighton</i> ,		14
Homans, I. Smith, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	1
Hooper, Hon. Samuel,	16	1
Howard, Charles P., <i>North Reading</i> ,		2
Howe, Samuel G., <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Howe, William,	14	
Hoyt, Col. A. H.,		2
Hubbard, Luther P., <i>Greenwich, Conn.</i> ,	1	
Humphreys, Brig. Gen. A. A., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Hunterian Club, <i>Glasgow, Scotland</i> ,		1
Hurd and Houghton, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Index Association, <i>Toledo, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Indiana Board of Agriculture, <i>Indianapolis</i> ,	7	
Indiana Institute for the Blind, <i>Indianapolis</i> ,		1
Institution of Civil Engineers, <i>London</i> ,	9	
Iowa State Historical Society, <i>Davenport</i> ,		2
Israelite, The, Publisher, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,	3	
Jackson, Charles, 245 numbers of periodicals, 2 broadsides,	26	31
Jackson, Mrs. Charles,	54	10
Jackson, Charles F.,	1	
Jarvis, Edward, <i>M. D.</i> ,	2	35
Jay, Hon. John, <i>United States Minister at Vienna</i> ,	1	
Jeffries, B. Joy, <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Jeffries, John, Jr., 30 numbers of periodicals,	15	
Jenkins, Joseph H., 1 broadside,		
Jennison, Rev. Joseph F., Chaplain of the 203d Pennsylvania Regiment,		1
Johnson, Rev. George D., <i>Newburyport</i> ,		1
Jones, Jessie H., <i>East Abington</i> ,		1
Jordan, O. J.,	1	
Joy, Prof. Charles A., <i>New York City</i> ,	5	104
Kaiserliche Königliche Geologische Reichsanstalt, <i>Vienna</i> ,	1	1
Keep, N. C., <i>M. D.</i> , 43 numbers of periodicals,	43	55
Kellaway, Elder W.,	1	
Kenyon College, <i>Gambier, Ohio</i> ,		2
Kingman, K. P.,		2
§ Koenigliche bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften, <i>Munich</i> ,	1	9
Lancaster. Library Committee,		1
Landreth, David, and Son, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		1
Langworthy, Rev. I. P.,		2
Laurie, Rev. Thomas, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		3
Lawrence, Abbott, 6 numbers of periodicals,		6
Lawrence, William Beach,	1	1
Lawrence. Free Public Library,		1
Lawson, L. M., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Leeds, <i>England</i> , Public Library,		1
Leicester. Public Library,		1
—— School Committee,		1
Lemay, L. Pamphile, <i>Quebec</i> ,	3	
Lenox, James, <i>New York City</i> ,		2

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Leonard, Rev. George, <i>East Marshfield</i> ,	1	
Lewis, Winslow, <i>M. D.</i> , 4 numbers of periodicals, 9 engraved portraits,	13	200
Lewiston, <i>Me.</i> , City Clerk,		3
Liberal Christian, The, Publisher, <i>New York City</i> ,	2	
Library of the General Staff, <i>Cairo, Egypt</i> ,	1	
Licking County Pioneer Association, <i>Newark, Ohio</i> ,		2
Ligue de l'Enseignement, <i>Paris</i> ,	3	
Lincoln, Henry W.,	1	
Lippincott and Co., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
List and Franek, <i>Leipzig, Germany</i> ,	1	
Liverpool, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library,	1	1
Livingston, G. F., <i>Manchester, N. H.</i> ,		2
Lodge of St. Andrew,	1	
Loring, James Spear, <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i> ,	4	232
Loring, John G., 11 engraved portraits, 1 plaster bust,		
Loubat, J. F., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Low, Peter,	3	
Lowell, City Clerk,	1	
—— City Library,		2
Mc Cleary, Samuel F., <i>City Clerk</i> ,	32	
Mc Dermott, Thomas M.,		10
Mac Donald, Sir John A., <i>Ottawa</i> ,		2
McMichael, Morton, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		1
Magee, Henry F., 7 numbers of periodicals,		
Maine, Secretary of State,	16	18
—— State Library,	3	
Manchester, <i>England</i> , Public Free Libraries,	2	
Mann, B. Pickman, <i>Cambridge</i> ,		1
Marble, Albert P., <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
Martin, Charles, <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Navy Yard, Charlestown</i> ,	1	
Martin, Hon. Silas N., <i>Wilmington, N. C.</i> ,		8
Massachusetts, State of,	3	4
—— Agricultural College, <i>Amherst</i> ,		3
—— Board of Health,	2	
—— Bureau of Statistics of Labor,	1	
—— Charitable Mechanics Association,		2
—— Eclectic Medical Society,		2
—— General Hospital,	29	
—— Horticultural Society,	1	
—— Institute of Technology,		1
—— Medical Society, 20 numbers of periodicals,	681	202
—— Railroad Commissioner,	1	
—— Secretary of the Commonwealth,	2	
—— Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,	2	
—— State Library,	10	474
—— State Lunatic Hospital,		20
—— Temperance Alliance,		1
May, Rev. Samuel, <i>Leicester</i> ,	1	
Mendels, Jacob,	18	
Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bulletin, Publishers, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Miami University, <i>Oxford, Ohio</i> ,		1
Michigan State Library, <i>Lansing</i> , 1 newspaper,	5	2

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Miller, Charles A., <i>New York City</i> , 3,600 Union and secession envelopes,		
Minnesota. Historical Society, <i>St. Paul</i> ,	2	
—— Superintendent of Public Instruction,		4
Moore, J. F.,	1	4
Mori, Hon. Arinori, <i>Japanese Ambassador</i> ,	2	
Mosely, Edward S., <i>Newburyport</i> ,	1	
Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, <i>South Hadley</i> ,		1
Munsell, Joel, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> ,	3	25
Nation, The, Publisher, <i>New York City</i> , 113 numbers of periodicals, 550 newspapers,	69	208
National Association of Wool Manufacturers,	11	6
National Deaf-Mute College, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		1
Nannmann, Dr. Robert, <i>Leipzig, Germany</i> ,		1
Nelson, Horatio,	2	
New Bedford, City of,	1	
—— Free Public Library,		4
Newcomb, John B., <i>Elgin, Ill.</i> ,	1	
New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association,		13
New England Freedmen's Aid Society, 18 numbers of periodicals,		
New England Historic Genealogical Society,		1
New England Society, <i>Orange, N. J.</i> ,		1
New Hampshire. Asylum for the Insane, <i>Concord</i> ,		1
—— Secretary of State,	6	
Newton. Free Library,		1
—— Theological Institution,		1
New York, <i>City</i> , Apprentices' Library,		1
—— Astor Library,		2
—— Board of Commissions of Public Charities and Correction,	2	
—— Board of Health,	1	
—— City Mission and Tract Society,	1	
—— Commissioners of Public Parks,	1	
—— Genealogical and Biographical Society,		1
—— General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen,		2
—— Life Insurance Company,		2
—— Medico-Legal Society,		2
—— Mercantile Library Association,	2	1
—— Young Men's Christian Association,		1
New York, <i>State</i> , Board of Commissioners of Public Charities,	3	
—— Chamber of Commerce,	1	
—— Department of Public Instruction,	5	
—— Engineer and Surveyor,	17	
—— Library,	11	1
—— Lunatic Asylum,		1
Nichols, Prof. W. R.,		4
Northern Pacific Railroad Company,		1
Ohio. Commissioners of the Sinking Fund,		1
—— State Library,	11	32
Omaha, <i>Nebraska</i> , Library Association,		1
Onderdonk, Henry, Jr., <i>Jamaica, Long Island</i> ,	1	1
Ontario. Library of Parliament, <i>Toronto</i> ,	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Paine, <i>Prof. J. K., Cambridge</i> ,	1	
Paine, <i>Prof. Martyn, New York City</i> ,	2	2
Palfrey, <i>Hon. John G., Cambridge</i> ,	2	
Palmer, <i>Julius A., 30 newspapers</i> ,		
Parker, <i>J. H., London</i> ,	2	
Parrish, <i>Clemmons, Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		1
Parvin, <i>T. S., Iowa City</i> ,	4	
Peabody Academy of Science, <i>Salem</i> ,		1
Peabody Institute, <i>Baltimore, Md.</i> ,		1
Peabody Institute, <i>Peabody</i> ,		2
Peck, <i>George W., Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,		1
Peirce, <i>Gen. E. W., Freetown</i> ,		1
Pennsylvania. Board of Public Charities,	1	
——— Institution for the Instruction of the Blind,		2
Perkins, <i>Charles C.</i> ,	1	
Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind,		1
Perry, <i>Hon. Eli, Albany, N. Y.</i> ,	2	
Perry, <i>John B., Cambridge</i> ,		1
Perry, <i>T. S.</i> ,	263	57
Philadelphia, <i>Pa.</i> , Apprentices' Library Company,		2
——— City Institute,		2
——— College of Pharmacy,		1
——— Fairmount Park Art Association,		3
——— Library Company,		6
——— Mercantile Library Company,		1
Philbrick, <i>John D., Superintendent of Schools</i> ,		1
Phillips Exeter Academy, <i>Exeter, N. H.</i> ,		5
Pittsburgh, <i>Pa.</i> , Young Men's Mercantile Library and Mechanics' Institute,		1
Poore, <i>Hon. Ben Perley, Washington, D. C.</i> ,		4
Porée, <i>Alice M.</i> ,		19
Potter, <i>Thomas Bayley, London</i> ,	3	
Powers, <i>Thomas H., Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
Prairie Farmer, <i>The, Publisher, Chicago, Ill.</i> ,	1	
Pratt, <i>John M. W., Taunton</i> , 59 numbers of periodicals, 844 newspapers,	11	399
Preble, <i>Capt. George H., U. S. N., Charlestown</i> ,	1	6
Providence, <i>R. I.</i> , City of,	1	
——— Athenæum,		1
——— Woman's Christian Association,		1
Putnam Library, <i>Dayton, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Quincy, <i>Eliza Susan</i> ,	2	
Quincy, <i>Hon. Josiah</i> , 24 numbers of periodicals. 62 broadsides,	39	205
Raymond, <i>Mrs.</i> ,	24	
Rayner, <i>John J., Lexington</i> , 464 newspapers,		
Read, <i>William, M. D.</i> ,		614
Reading. Trustees of Public Library,		1
Reiche, <i>Charles</i> ,	1	
Rhode Island. Board of State Charities and Corrections,		1
——— Medical Society, <i>Providence</i> ,		
Rice, <i>Roswell, Shushan, N. Y.</i> , 12 broadsides,		
Rich, <i>Gilbert, W.</i> ,	1	
Richardson, <i>Hon. William A., Washington, D. C.</i> ,	2	
Roberts, <i>John P., Alfred, Me.</i> ,	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Rochdale, <i>England</i> , Free Public Library,		1
Rochester, <i>N. Y.</i> , University of,		1
Rolfe, William J., <i>Cambridge</i> ,	2	
Ross, Daniel,		2
Ross James, <i>Madison, Wis.</i> ,		1
Royal Astronomical Society, <i>London</i> ,	2	
Royal Geographical Society, <i>London</i> ,	3	
Royal Observatory, <i>Edinburgh</i> ,	1	
Runnels, Rev. M. T., <i>Sanbornton, N. H.</i> ,	1	
Rutgers College, <i>New Brunswick, N. J.</i> ,		1
St. Louis, <i>Mo.</i> , Board of Public Schools,	3	
——— Mercantile Library Association,		2
——— Public School Library,	1	
Salem, City Clerk,	1	
Salem, <i>Ohio</i> , Union School,		2
Salford, <i>England</i> , Museum and Library,		1
Sandford, Rev. Enoch, <i>Raynham</i> ,		1
San Francisco, <i>Cal.</i> , Superintendent of Common Schools,		1
Sanger, Hon. George P., <i>Cambridge</i> , 5 newspapers, 102 broad-sides,	9	396
Saturday Express, The, Publisher,	2	
Savage, E. H., <i>Chief of Police</i> ,	1	1
Saville, Mrs. Mary, The Estate of,		32
Sawyer Free Library, <i>Gloucester</i> ,	1	
Seaman, Ezra C.,	1	
Searle, F. A., 605 playbills,		
Seeley, J., <i>Great Barrington</i> ,	1	
Shaw, Benj. S., <i>M. D.</i> ,	5	16
Shaw, Daniel, <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> ,	10	
Shellabarger, Hon. Samuel, <i>Springfield, Ohio</i> ,		1
Shepard, Charles A. B.,		1
Sibley, John L., <i>Cambridge</i> ,		1
Smith, Charles C.,		1
Smithsonian Institution, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		1
Snider, D. J., <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i> ,		1
Snow, Edwin M., <i>M. D., Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1
Société Franklin, <i>Paris</i> ,	2	
Sons of Temperance. Grand Division of Massachusetts,	3	
Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge, <i>London</i> ,	1	
Southbridge. Library Committee,		1
South Carolina, University of, <i>Columbia</i> ,		1
Spooner, Lysander,	1	
Springfield. City Library Association,		1
Staehli, Francis R., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Start, Rev. W. A., <i>North Cambridge</i> ,		4
Steele, James G., <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> ,		2
Steiger, E., <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Stevens, Henry, <i>London</i> ,	2	
Stevens, Simon, <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Stimpson, Charles M., 2 broadsides,		
Stockholm, City of,	1	
Stoddard, Charles,		153
Stone, Gen. C. P., <i>Alexandria, Egypt</i> ,	1	
Stone, Hon. Jonathan, <i>Charlestown</i> ,		1

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Sumner, Hon. Charles, 2 newspapers, 5 broadsides, . . .	62	45
Sunday Times, The, Publisher,	2	
Sykes, Joseph,	1	1
Taunton. Public Library,		1
Taylor, H. R.,	1	1
Teele, A. K., Milton,		1
Temporary Asylum for Discharged Female Prisoners, Dedham,		1
Tenney, Rev. E. P.,	1	3
Thayer, Caroline C.,	3	
Thraillkill, John W., M. D., St. Louis, Mo.,	1	
Thurman, Hon. A. G., Charlottesville, Va.,		1
Tiele, P. A., Leyden,		
Titus, Charles H.,	2	6
Tobey, Hon. Edward S.,	1	
Toner, J. M., M. D.,		1
Towne, Rev. Edward C., New Haven, Conn., 5 newspapers,		
Trumbull, Hon. J. H., Hartford, Conn.,		1
Tucker, W. W.,	1	
Tufts College, College Hill,		5
Turf, Field and Farm, The, Publisher, New York City, .	2	
Turner, Mrs. Abby D.,	9	
Turner, Alfred T.,	1	
Union League, Philadelphia, Pa.,	1	
United States. Board of Indian Commissioners,	1	
—— Bureau of Education,	2	1
—— Bureau of Navigation,	8	
—— Census Office,	2	
—— Department of Agriculture,		4
—— Department of the Interior, 1 map,	87	
—— Department of State,	17	8
—— Department of the Post Office,	3	
—— Department of the Treasury, 3 broadsides, . . .	4	1
—— Department of War,	2	
—— Library of Congress,	1	1
—— Naval Observatory,	3	2
—— Office of the Chief Engineers,	2	
—— Patent Office,	56	1
—— Quartermaster General's Office,	1	1
—— Surgeon General's Office, 2 broadsides,	1	1
United States Military Post Library Association, New York City,		4
United States National Prison Association, Washington, D. C.,	1	
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.,		1
Vermont, State of,	2	
—— Asylum for the Insane, Brattleboro',		1
—— State Library,	5	1
Vermont Record and Farmer, The, Publisher, Brattle- boro',	1	
Veterans' National Committee, New York City,	1	
Vibbert, Rev. G. H.,	2	101
Vinton, Frederic, Washington, D. C.,		1
Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind.,		1

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Wadman, Theoph. G.,	2	
Wallace, <i>Capt. W., U. S. Marine Corps</i> , 3 newspapers, 1 medal,	2	1
Waltham. Public Library,		4
Ware, <i>Rev. John F. W.</i> ,		1
Ware, William,		8
Warner, Hermann J., <i>Cambridge</i> ,	238	55
Warner, <i>Hon. Oliver</i> ,	32	46
Warren, <i>Hon. G. Washington</i> ,	1	
Warren, J. Collins, <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Washington, <i>D. C.</i> , Board of Trustees of Public Schools, Watertown, Free Public Library,	1	1
Watson, Winslow, M., <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,		1
Webster, Warren, <i>M. D., U. S. A., Fort Independence</i> ,	1	1
Weld, Theodore D., <i>Hyde Park</i> ,		1
Wells, S. R., <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Wenzel, Iwan,	3	
Wesleyan University, <i>Middletown, Conn.</i> ,		1
Western Farmer, The, Publisher, <i>Madison, Wis.</i> ,	1	
Western Lunatic Asylum, <i>Staunton, Va.</i> ,		1
Westford, Town of,		2
Wheeler, William A., 11 numbers of periodicals, 1 map, White, James C., <i>M. D.</i> , 15 numbers of periodicals, 1 broadside,	8	207
White, <i>Mrs. Warren</i> , 361 numbers of periodicals, 475 news- papers,	74	120
Whiteley, John, <i>Shirley Village</i> ,	4	
Whiting, <i>Hon. William</i> ,	1	
Whitney, <i>Rev. F. A., Allston</i> , 49 numbers of periodicals, Whitney, James L., 3 numbers of periodicals,	3	2
Whitney, <i>Prof. Josiah D., Cambridge</i> ,	3	17
Whitney, <i>Prof. W. D., New Haven, Conn.</i> ,		3
Wilder, <i>Prof. Burt G., Ithaca, N. Y.</i> ,	3	3
Wilder, <i>Hon. Marshall P.</i> ,	1	
Wilkins, E. T., <i>M. D., Sacramento, Cal.</i> ,	1	1
Willard, Z. A.,	77	3
Wilcox, E. S., <i>Peoria, Ill.</i> ,	1	
William and Mary, College of, <i>Williamsburg, Va.</i> ,	1	
Williams, J. Otis,		1
Wilson, <i>Hon. Henry</i> , Vice-President of the United States, Wilson, Henry W., 2 broadsides,	8	3
Wilson, J. Ormond, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	2	
Winchester, C. T., <i>Middletown, Conn.</i> ,	1	
Wing, Alice M., 5 numbers of periodicals,	14	
Winship, J. P. C., <i>Brighton</i> ,		1
Winsor, Justin,	1	1
Winsor, Nathaniel,		2
Winthrop, <i>Hon. Robert C., Brookline</i> , 1 portrait,		22
Wisconsin. Academy of Arts and Sciences, <i>Madison</i> ,	2	1
—— Historical Society, 1 broadside,	8	12
—— Institution for the Blind, <i>Janesville</i> ,		1
—— State Agriculture Society, <i>Madison</i> ,	3	
Withington, Joseph C.,	5	
Woburn, Town Clerk,	1	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pph.
Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, <i>Philadelphia</i> ,		1
Wood, Minard,	1	
Woods, Joseph E.,	1	
Worcester. City Clerk,	1	
— Free Public Library,		1
Wright, <i>Col.</i> Albert J.,	14	
Wright and Potter,	1	
Wyman, Morrill, <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Cambridge</i> ,	1	
Yale College. <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> ,		1
— Linonian and Brothers' Library,	1	

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APPENDIX XII.

CIRCULATION.

(Books issued. No account is made of the great use of books within the Library rails.)

Year.	TOTAL CIRCULATION.				BATES HALL.				LOWER HALL.				EAST BOSTON BRANCH.				SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.					
	No. of days open.	Issues.	Largest No. in one day.	Date of last column.	Home issues.	Hall issues.	Total issues.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.			Home use.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Hall use.	Total use.	Home use.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Hall use.	Total use.	
									In total issues.	In Hall issues.	In Home issues.											
a 1854	142	35,380	250	535 Sept. 16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35,380 250 535	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1855	286	81,281	284	606 Feb. 10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	81,281 284 606	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1856	284	82,661	291	647 Feb. 23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	82,661 291 647	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1857	288	89,423	310	739 Jan. 24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	89,423 310 739	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
b 1858	197	75,570	383	693 Feb. 27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	75,570 383 693	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1859	254	149,468	588	1,335 Mar. 5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	149,468 588 1,335	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1860	297	151,020	508	1,052 Feb. 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	151,020 508 1,052	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1861	274	160,877	587	1,303 Feb. 23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	160,877 587 1,303	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1862	288	180,392	626	1,517 Mar. 1	7,400	10,263	17,663	61	.	.	.	162,630 565 .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
c 1863	215	138,027	644	1,534 Feb. 7	5,222	7,124	12,346	57	.	.	.	125,631 585 .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1864	280	184,035	664	1,424 Feb. 27	7,468	11,057	18,525	66	.	.	.	165,510 591 .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1865	275	194,627	708	1,464 Nov. 19	10,371	13,090	23,461	85	.	.	.	171,166 622 .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1866	278	193,862	732	1,580 Feb. 10	9,763	10,438	20,201	73	.	.	.	173,661 635 .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1867	277	208,963	754	1,813 Feb. 23	13,696	11,553	25,249	92	.	.	.	183,714 662 .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1868	279	175,727	630	1,323 Feb. 1	17,020	16,854	33,874	121	332	250	161	141,853 508 1,050	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
d 1869	284	218,677	770	1,498 Feb. 20	23,203	19,792	42,995	151	307	164	178	175,772 619 1,239	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
f 1870	230	210,963	917	1,798 Feb. 19	25,996	21,601	47,597	207	441	191	293	161,631 703 1,385	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1871	307	432,445	965	71,836 Jan. 28	31,080	34,225	65,295	212	457	242	242	227,579 741 1,413	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1872	308	380,343	1,234	2,425 Mar. 16	23,139	27,092	50,231	163	286	230	184	248,029 805 1,472	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1873	308	467,855	1,519	3,073 . p	28,261	31,003	59,264	192	388	221	204	230,111 772 1,443	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

The figures for 1873 in the Central Library have been diminished by the alterations in the two halls during the year; and the drawing off of the South-Boston users has hardly been counterbalanced by new readers as yet.

a Six months. b Removal of the library. c Ten months. d Eleven months (library not closed for examination). e New restrictions put upon costly books. f Nine months. g Central library only. h If the issues at East Boston be excluded, this footing would be 236,315; and if hall issues be excluded, there will be record of 293,710 volumes used at home. i Open seventy-eight days. m See report for 1868. n Includes books borrowed and returned the same day, on white slips, as shown in Appendix XIII. o The E. B. Branch was open only 307 days, owing to repairs on furnace. p Includes the largest of each department on any day, without regard to its being the same day, as in previous entries under this head.

APPENDIX XIII.

LOWER HALL.

Books returned for each month. (Books issued appear in Appendix XII.)

MONTHS.	1872-73.				MONTHS.	1871-72. (12 mos.)				MONTHS.	1870-71. (12 mos.)				MONTHS.	1869-70. (9 mos.)				MONTHS.	1868-9. (11 mos.)				MONTHS.	1867-8. (11 mos.)			
	Home use.	Hall us ^e (white sl)	Hall use (green sl)	Total.		Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.		Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.		Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.		Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.		Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.
May	17,975	874	511	19,360	May	18,522	18,522	18,522	18,522	May	18,227	18,227	18,227	18,227	May	13,883	14,268	14,268	14,268	May	13,883	14,268	14,268	14,268	May	13,883	14,268	14,268	14,268
June	14,342	736	385	15,464	June	16,284	16,284	16,284	16,284	June	15,601	15,601	15,601	15,601	June	12,876	12,520	12,520	12,520	June	12,876	12,520	12,520	12,520	June	12,876	12,520	12,520	12,520
July	14,367	793	395	15,555	July	15,861	15,861	15,861	15,861	July	14,178	14,178	14,178	14,178	July	11,518	13,004	13,004	13,004	July	11,518	13,004	13,004	13,004	July	11,518	13,004	13,004	13,004
August	14,889	764	417	16,070	August	15,939	15,939	15,939	15,939	August	14,358	14,358	14,358	14,358	August	12,109	12,109	12,109	12,109	August	12,109	12,109	12,109	12,109	August	12,109	12,109	12,109	12,109
September	15,037	859	487	16,383	September	16,809	16,809	16,809	16,809	September	15,063	15,063	15,063	15,063	September	10,975	8,641	8,641	8,641	September	10,975	8,641	8,641	8,641	September	10,975	8,641	8,641	8,641
October	17,028	1,029	483	18,540	October	19,408	19,408	19,408	19,408	October	19,121	19,121	19,121	19,121	October	15,178	14,403	14,403	14,403	October	15,178	14,403	14,403	14,403	October	15,178	14,403	14,403	14,403
November	17,976	1,182	532	19,690	November	20,647	20,647	20,647	20,647	November	19,939	19,939	19,939	19,939	November	17,119	16,571	16,571	16,571	November	17,119	16,571	16,571	16,571	November	17,119	16,571	16,571	16,571
December	17,804	1,280	568	19,652	December	23,120	23,120	23,120	23,120	December	21,895	21,895	21,895	21,895	December	18,721	19,194	19,194	19,194	December	18,721	19,194	19,194	19,194	December	18,721	19,194	19,194	19,194
January	19,481	1,409	518	21,408	January	25,280	25,280	25,280	25,280	January	23,461	23,461	23,461	23,461	January	20,907	19,641	19,641	19,641	January	20,907	19,641	19,641	19,641	January	20,907	19,641	19,641	19,641
February	17,991	1,460	604	20,055	February	24,487	24,487	24,487	24,487	February	22,508	22,508	22,508	22,508	February	21,077	18,794	18,794	18,794	February	21,077	18,794	18,794	18,794	February	21,077	18,794	18,794	18,794
March	21,098	1,726	657	23,481	March	26,048	26,048	26,048	26,048	March	24,253	24,253	24,253	24,253	March	22,798	19,969	19,969	19,969	March	22,798	19,969	19,969	19,969	March	22,798	19,969	19,969	19,969
April	19,394	1,435	653	21,482	April	23,163	23,163	23,163	23,163	April	20,124	20,124	20,124	20,124	April	20,815	16,426	16,426	16,426	April	20,815	16,426	16,426	16,426	April	20,815	16,426	16,426	16,426
Total	207,382	13,547	6,211	227,140	Total	245,598	245,598	245,598	245,598	Total	161,563	161,563	161,563	161,563	Total	141,853	173,431	173,431	173,431	Total	141,853	173,431	173,431	173,431	Total	141,853	173,431	173,431	173,431

NOTE. — *White* ships are used for drawing books for home use, or hall use, one at a time. When books are drawn for reference, *green* slips are used, and several volumes may be in use in hall by one person at the same time by means of these slips.

APPENDIX XIV.

REGISTRATION.

Class No.	NOTE. The first registration, 1854-8, had 17,066 names; the second, 1859-67, had 52,829 names.		THIRD REGISTRATION.						
			1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	Totals.
I.	Applications.	{ Central Library	12,057	6,490	6,577	7,096	6,688	6,670	45,578
		{ E. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	2,320	993	826	4,139
		{ S. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	232	3,094	3,326
		{ Total	12,057	6,490	6,577	9,416	7,913	10,590	53,043
II.	Applications sent to Police. (for verification when needed.)	{ Central Library	2,810	3,462	1,904	3,040	2,876	3,419	17,511
		{ E. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	1,012	474	266	1,752
		{ S. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	645	645
		{ Total	2,810	3,462	1,904	4,052	3,350	4,330	19,908
III.	Cards Refused. (mostly for non-residency or under age.)	{ Central Library	233	202	179	241	267	288	1,410
		{ E. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	80	28	10	118
		{ S. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	64	64
		{ Total	233	202	179	321	295	362	1,592
IV.	Cards not called for during the year.	{ Central Library	852	589	404	393	439	409	3,086
		{ E. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	117	151	93	361
		{ S. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	179	179
		{ Total	852	589	404	510	590	681	3,626
V.	Applications Cancelled. (Six months on file, and one month longer after notice.)	{ Central Library . . . . .	...	...	...	1,215	264	196	1,675
		{ E. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	82	45	127
		{ S. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	82	82
		{ Total . . . . .	...	...	...	1,215	346	323	1,884
VI.	Cards in use (deducting Classes III and V).	{ Central Library . . . . .	...	...	...	30,150	36,307	42,493	...
		{ E. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	2,240	3,123	3,894	...
		{ S. B. Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	3,180	...
		{ Total . . . . .	...	...	...	32,390	39,430	49,567	...

APPENDIX XIV. — *Continued.*

MEMORANDA.

MEMORANDA.	1872.	1873.		
		Central Library.	E. B.	S. B.
Largest weekly number of applicants .	202	204	34	197
Month of this last	Oct.	Nov.	. . . . .	May
Smallest weekly number of applicants .	56	58	2	17
Month of this last	May	June	. . . . .	Dec.
Weekly average	128	128	16	60
Largest daily number	39	46	14	53
Date of same	Feb. 28.	Sept. 28.	Feb. 1.	May 11.
Smallest daily number	2	1	0	2
Date of same	Sept. 18.	May 30.	. . . . .	May 30.
Dorchester applicants*	295	285	. . . . .	. . . . .
Cards reported lost	2,493	2,483	402	711
Of these replaced	1,636	1,701	209	512
Cards detained for fines	273	350	352	192
Cancellation warnings	327	241	51	112
Of these cards called for	63	45		

* The number of Dorchester applicants reported in 1870 was 565; in 1871, 293, making with the above, to date, 1,438.

APPENDIX XV.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED. USE OF BRITISH PATENTS, AND TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.

YEARS.	BOOKS RECOMMENDED.		USE OF BRITISH PATENTS.		USE OF TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.				
	Total recom- mended.	Already in Library.	Received since.	Persons. use.	Citizens.		Strangers.		Total.
					Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1854.	123	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1855.	221	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1856.	121	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1857.	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1858.	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1859.	178	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1860.	91	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1861.	115	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1862.	204	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1863.	135	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1864.	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1865.	58	...	...	182	...	...	...	...	...
1866.	306	...	...	187	...	...	...	...	...
1867.	546	95	260	197	...	...	...	...	...
1868.	1,120	183	423	269	...	...	...	...	...
1869.	1,178	226	535	361	...	...	...	...	...
1870 (nine months)	1,221	257	448	346	...	...	...	...	...
1871.	1,665	418	549	347	...	...	...	...	...
1872.	*1,576	334	756	642	...	...	...	...	812
1873.	1,625	339	753	973	119	221	142	160	642
				1,801					4

NOTE. — The column of "Received since" denotes those received of the "Total recommended," the same year. What may be in subsequent years received of such "Total recommended," does not appear in this table. For instance, of the $1,120 - (183 + 423) = 514$ not received in 1868 of the total recommended that year, a large part has since been received.

* The partial disuse of the Bates Hall, on account of the alterations going on, affected this number.

Patents. — The American and French Patents have been placed in an alcove contiguous to the room of the British Patents, and the whole collection put in charge of a curator. No record is made of the use of either the American or French Patents.

Engravings. — These are shown by the Curator, Mondays and Saturdays; and the statistics refer only to the bound volumes, not to those framed and on the walls.

APPENDIX XVI.

BATES HALL READING.

CLASSIFICATIONS.	PERCENTAGE OF USE.										
	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.
English History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . .	17.5	16	13	18	20	17	17	17	17	12	19
American (North and South) History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	6	8.5	10	8	12	12	12	12	13	10	12
French History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . .	5	7.5	6	6	7	4	5	5	5	4	6
Germanic History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . .	2.5	2	2.5	2	4	3	3	3	2	2	3
Italian History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature . .	4	2.5	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1
Other History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	3.5	3.5	2.5	4	4	5	5	3	3	3	4
General and Epochal History, Geography, Biography, etc.	4.5	4.25	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	2
Greek, Latin, and Philology	3	3.5	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3
Bibliography	2.5	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Transactions	3	1.5	2.3	5	7	5	4	5	1	1	1
Periodicals	7	6	6	11	7	8	9	10	8	10	8
Fine Arts	9	12	16.5	8	5	8	8	8	9	11	10
Natural History and Science	4	4	4.6	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	3
Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Ethics, Education, etc.	11	11	8.5	4	4	8	9	8	11	14	10
Medicine	7	5	4.6	8	6	6	8	8	9	9	8
Law, Government, and Political Economy	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2
Useful Arts, Mathematics, Physics, etc.	5.5	5.5	7.5	7	8	7	6	5	6	8	5
Miscellaneous Pamphlets, bound	2	.75	.75	2	1	2	1	3	3	3	2

NOTE.—In computing this percentage, the use of books in the Bowditch, Parker and Prince Libraries, — which are kept apart from the general classifications of the Library, — is reckoned as nearly as possible and included in the usual divisions, as is indicated in the table. See *Explanations* to Appendix IX.

The want of a Catalogue to the Spanish books of the Ticknor Library has continued to prevent any use of those books which would enter into the statistics.

During a considerable part of the year the last nine classes were partially inaccessible on account of the alterations in the Hall, which has caused the unusual diminution of the percentage of use of those classes.

APPENDIX XVII.

LOWER HALL READING.

Class No.	ALCOVES.	CLASSES.	1868.		1869.		1870. (Nine months.)		1871.		1872.		1873.	
			Loans returned	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.
1	I, XI and ranges 8, 9, 10 of X, XX.	Sciences, Arts, Professions . .	10,522	7.4	11,436	6.97	7,607	4.9	12,662	5.7	15,996	6	12,757	6+
2	II, XII	American History and Politics	2,533	1.8	2,682	1.63	2,071	1.4	2,270	1	2,056	-1	1,496	1
3	IX, XIX	Foreign History and Politics .	3,630	2.1	3,221	1.96	2,386	1.5	2,702	1.2	2,715	1+	1,863	1
4	III, XIII	Poetry, Drama, Rhetoric, Miscellaneous, Essays, etc.	3,632	2.6	2,461	1.5	2,441	1.5	5,954	2.7	8,019	4	7,651	7
5	IV, XIV	Prose Fiction for adults and	105,227	74.2	125,273	76.36	120,355	78.4	167,694	77.2	173,438	76	154,835	74
6	VII, XVII	youths			4,570	2.78	4,025	2.7	5,108	2.2	4,105	2	2,641	1
7	V, XV	Biography	3,641	2.6	5,363	3.26	5,154	3.4	6,062	2.8	4,998	3	3,631	1
8	VI, XVI	Travels, Voyages, etc.	3,289	2.3	4,550	2.77	5,747	3.8	11,520	5.2	14,815	6	17,167	8
9	VIII, XVIII	Collections, Periodicals, etc. .	5,941	4.2										
10	X, XX, except ranges 8, 9, 10 .	French, German, and Italian Books	3,978	2.8	4,482	2.73	3,637	2.4	4,451	2	2,691	1+	5,341	2
			141,853	. . .	164,038	. . .	153,423	. . .	216,696	. . .	228,864	. . .	207,382	. . .

NOTE. — The columns of "Loans returned" do not include the books taken and returned the same day.

APPENDIX XVIII.

EAST BOSTON BRANCH READING.

(Shown from slips of Books returned.)

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1871. (3 mos.)		1872.		1873.	
			Books returned.	Per-centage.	Books returned.	Per-centage.	Books returned.	Per-centage.
I.	10,11,12,19,21	Biography	669	3	1,104	1	729	1
II.	4,33	Collections, Libraries, etc.	552	2	1,002	1	632	1
III.	24,26,28,29,30,32,34	Fiction in Prose	8,593	36	31,937	43	30,373	45
IV.	27	Foreign Books	27	-1	57	..	62	..
V.	13,14,18,35	History	1,096	5	1,819	2	1,197	2
VI.	1,2	Juvenile books	6,639	25	25,835	35	25,411	37
VII.	15,20	Miscellaneous	747	3	1,256	2	798	1+
VIII.	5,6,7,17,37,39,40,41	Periodicals (<i>bound</i>)	1,119	5	4,009	6	3,914	6
IX.	16,22	Poetry and Drama	2,071	9	2,447	4	1,131	-2
X.	3,36,38	Sciences, Arts, Professions	883	3	2,057	3	1,527	2
XI.	8,9,23	Travels, Voyages	1,179	5	2,296	3	1,803	3
		Total	23,575	..	73,839	..	67,637	..

NOTE.—The classification in this Branch is somewhat different from that of the Lower Hall of the Central Library, where juvenile books are scattered among the other classes, as the character of the book, whether, fiction, history, biography, etc., would require.

APPENDIX XIX.

SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH READING.

(Shown from slips of Books returned.)

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	Books returned.	Per-centage.
I.	15,16	American History and Biography	2,604	-3
II.	5,6,7,8	Foreign History and Biography . .	1,867	2
III.	33,34,36	Travel, Voyages	3,054	3+
IV.	18,23,29,32	Professions	349	-1
V.	25	Poetry and Drama	1,909	2
VI.	31,39	Arts and Sciences	3,373	3+
VII.	3,4,17,20,27,30,35 . . .	Miscellanies, Collections, etc. . . .	3,162	3+
VIII.	1,2,19	Periodicals (<i>bound</i>)	4,140	4+
IX.	11,12,13,14,21,22,23,24,26	Fiction and Juveniles	76,222	78
X.	10	Patents	26	} -1
XI.	40	Foreign languages	91	
		Total	96,797	. .

The grouping of the classifications is varied a little from that in the table for East Boston, in order to show the classes of reading in somewhat different relations.

APPENDIX XX. PERIODICAL READING ROOMS.

PERIODICALS.	1871.				1872.				1873.							
	1867.		1868.		1869.		1870.		Central Library.		E. B. Branch.		Total.			
	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	Central Library.	E. B. Branch.	Total.	Central Library.	E. B. Branch.	Total.	Central Library.	E. B. Branch.	S. B. Branch.	Roxbury Branch.	Total.	
BY LANGUAGES.	English	141	175	208	220	287	28	315	296	37	333	300	39	35	..	374
	French	39	46	49	47	48	..	48	52	..	52	54	..	..	..	54
	German	27	31	35	34	36	..	36	38	..	38	39	..	2	..	41
	Italian	1	2	2	3	3	..	3	3	..	3	3	..	..	..	4
	Spanish and Portuguese . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
	Total	208	254	294	304	374	28	402	389	37	426	398	39	37	..	474
Duplicates . . . . .	..	..	..	..	67	5	72	75	5	80	87	5	..	..	92	
Grand Total . . . . .	..	..	..	..	441	33	474	464	42	506*	485	44	37	..	566	
BY CLASSES.	1. Scientific and Professional . .	86	98	119	128	143	4	147	137	4	141	145	7	3	..	155
	2. Literary and Miscellaneous . .	68	96	95	96	98	15	113	107	17	124	109	18	18	..	145
	3. Agricultural and Horticultural . .	..	..	13	13	21	..	21	17	..	17	14	..	..	..	14
	4. Religious	18	17	17	17	36	..	36	39	2	41	40	..	3	..	43

	12	17	14	14	21	2	23	26	2	28	33	2	4	..	39
5. Illustrated and Foreign Papers	208	254	294	304	374	28	402	389	37	426	398	39	37	..	474
6. Commercial	9	9	11	11	20	1	21	22	..	22	16	..	..	..	16
7. Fashion	6	6	8	8	8	2	10	9	5	14	9	5	3	..	17
8. Illustrated Comic Magazines .	3	3	5	5	4	..	4	4	1	5	5	1	1	..	7
9. Juveniles	3	4	8	8	11	3	14	14	5	19	13	4	4	..	21
10. Fine Arts	3	4	4	4	12	1	13	14	1	15	14	2	1	..	17
Total excluding duplicates .															

	280	300	†249	1220	307	130	..	308	308	308	320	319	||328	..	..
Number of days open	280	300	†249	1220	307	130	..	308	308	308	320	319	||328	..	..
Total readers	55,284	\$76,862	\$91,674	117,262	183,084	10,323	193,417	157,068	14,451	171,519	177,512	14,694	26,332	..	218,538
Daily average readers	191	256	306	510	596	79	675	510	47	557	555	43	80	..	678
Magazines read, total	81,783	88,034	136,122	142,962	243,169	25,981	269,150	227,958	26,201	254,159	213,599	28,152	46,711	..	288,462
Magazines read, daily average . .	283	293	455	622	792	200	992	740	85	825	667	88	142	..	897

* Transactions of learned societies and costly journals, kept in the Bates Hall, are not included in this count, but they are all embraced — if currently received — in the Periodical List, a second edition of which was published during the year.

† Eleven months.

‡ Nine months.

§ This includes for 1869, 2,120, and for 1868, 2,013 non-resident readers; but now the distinction is not made.

|| This includes 8 days that the Reading Room of the S. B. Branch was open between April 22 and April 30, 1872, which were not included in last year's figures. It

also includes, as do the figures for the other Reading Rooms, the 12 Sundays when the rooms were opened from 12 to 9 P. M.

APPENDIX XXI.

LOSSES, DELINQUENTS, ETC.

Class No.	CLASSES.	1867.			1868.			1869.			1870.		
		Total.	B. H.	L. H.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	15,052	2,008	9,903	11,911	2,573	10,551	13,124	2,607	9,313	11,920	2,607	9,313
2	Books returned after notice	14,203	1,925	8,554	11,479	2,480	10,133	12,613	2,500	8,919	11,419	2,500	8,919
3	Books sent for by messenger	1,449	83	349	482	93	418	511	107	394	501	107	394
4	Books recovered by messenger		81	322	403	90	401	491	101	374	475	101	374
5	Books not recovered	231	2	33	35	3	17	20	6	20	26	6	20
6	Books condemned	420		257	257	2	259	261		212	212		212
7	Books covered			35,241	35,241		23,826	23,826		34,639	34,639		34,639
8	Persons finable not paying messenger			86	86		75	75	7	80	87	7	80
9	Fines collected by messenger		\$19 12	\$66 61	\$85 73	\$28 45	\$93 65	\$122 10	\$24 75	\$83 62	\$108 37	\$24 75	\$83 62
10	Fines uncollected by messenger		\$7 06	\$42 20	\$49 26	\$7 56	\$33 21	\$40 77	\$7 88	\$33 77	\$41 65	\$7 88	\$33 77
11	Cost of car tickets for messenger				\$11 96			\$10 53			\$14 45		
12	Cost of mail notices (five cents each)		\$110 40	\$495 15	\$605 55	\$128 65	\$527 55	\$656 20	\$130 35	\$456 65	\$586 00	\$130 35	\$456 65
13	Residences changed without notice				58			92			57		

Class No.	CLASSES.	1871.				1872.				1873.					
		B. H.	L. H.	E. B.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.	E. B.	Total.	B. H.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Total.
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	3,698	14,606	396	18,700	2,962	16,061	2,845	21,868	3,612	16,891	3,110	3,578	. . . .	27,191
2	Books returned after notice	3,527	13,937	392	17,856	2,810	15,261	2,804	20,872	3,447	15,824	3,009	3,466	. . . .	25,746
3	Books sent for by messenger	171	669	4	844	152	800	41	993	165	1,067	101	112	. . . .	1,445
4	Books recovered by messenger	157	645	3	805	146	769	41	956	160	1,011	99	107	. . . .	1,377
5	Books not recovered	14	24	1	39	6	31	. . . .	37	5	56	2	5	. . . .	68
6	Books condemned . . . . .	. . . .	1,233	1	1,234	. . . .	819	50	869	5	679	95	71	5	855
7	Books covered . . . . .	. . . .	51,537	2,647	54,184	. . . .	64,894	16,911	81,805	. . . .	47,956	23,808	31,193	3,600	106,557
8	Persons finable not paying messenger	22	173	1	196	30	266	12	308	53	325	27	60	. . . .	465
9	Fines collected by messenger	\$48 88	\$135 19	\$0 68	\$184 07	\$34 88	\$109 57	\$9 75	\$214 20	\$46 48	\$218 04	\$24 07	\$16 00	. . . .	\$304 59
10	Fines uncollected by messenger	\$19 62	\$79 12	\$0 34	\$98 74	\$10 64	\$93 96	\$2 63	\$107 23	\$21 21	\$128 58	\$9 97	\$21 60	. . . .	\$181 36
11	Cost of car tickets for messenger . . . . .	. . . .	\$24 76	. . . .	\$24 76	. . . .	\$22 26	. . . .	\$22 26	. . . .	\$25 11	\$0 20	\$0 96	. . . .	\$26 27
12	Cost of mail notices (five cents each)	\$184 90	\$730 30	\$19 80	\$935 00	\$148 10	\$803 05	\$142 25	\$1,093 40	\$180 60	\$844 55	\$155 20	\$178 90	. . . .	\$1,359 25
13	Residences changed without notice . . . . .	. . . .	116	. . . .	116	. . . .	98	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	270	71	4	. . . .	345
14	Books sent to binderies . . . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	2,669	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	3,219	2,643	2,541	549	614	113	6,460

APPENDIX XXII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

GENERAL LIBRARY ACCOUNT.	1870-71.		1871-72.		1872-73.			Paid into City Treasury from sales of Catalogues.
	City appropriations.	Expended.	City appropriations.	Expended.	City appropriations.	Expended.	Fellows Athenaeum.	
Binding	\$4,007 20	\$5,167 70	\$4,400	\$5,231 38	\$4,000†	\$2,511 10	1859	\$437 80
Books	11,476 75	12,002 26	7,500	12,109 68	9,000	12,677 89	1860	450 00
Periodicals*	1,665 95	2,561 32		1,979 63		1,895 84	1861	246 84
Catalogues (printing)	2,004 16	2,001 39	4,800	3,433 62	5,500	3,963 16	1862	350 00
Expense	1,348 02	1,578 30	1,600	1,578 90	2,000	2,628 50	1863	528 40
Fuel	193 50	1,132 00	1,300	1,083 80	1,650	1,543 75	1864	314 60
Furniture (cabinets, shelving, fixtures, etc.)	1,634 81	1,506 05	1,300	1,082 03	1,650	1,662 90	1865	385 64
Gas	1,644 46	1,779 04	1,700	2,041 76	2,200	2,303 98	1866	293 92
Printing (miscellaneous)	1,507 07	1,700 26	1,700	2,247 28	2,200	2,299 14	1867	504 18
Stationery	1,172 14	812 86	1,650	1,303 95		4,217 59	1868	507 72
Salaries	23,285 47	22,655 93	30,000	29,074 00	35,000	34,507 71	1869	659 85
Transportation, Postage, etc	633 14	782 70	700	947 22	1,000	1,210 85	1870	996 63
BRANCHES.								
			East Boston Br.		S'th Boston	and Rox.	Branches.	
Books and Periodicals			4,250	\$3,899 69		{ S. B. 3,000 Rox. 2,000	1871	1,150 00
Fixtures, Catalogues, Print'g, etc			1,700	2,923 41		{ S. B. 4,500 Rox. 4,500	1872	1,472 44
Salaries			3,000	1,117 35		{ S. B. 2,500 Rox. 2,500	1873	1,681 79
Totals	\$50,922 76	\$53,679 90	\$65,000	\$70,443 70	\$67,000	\$86,498 01		\$2,181 10

* The appropriation for Periodicals is included in that for Books.

† The appropriation for binding before this year had included the salaries of the workmen in the Bindery, but is now charged to the appropriation for salaries.

‡ This includes \$1,329 52 paid for Catalogue work (destroyed by the fire in November, 1872), under a vote of the City Council.

§ NOTE. — The expenditures for books cover the cost of those chargeable to our Trust Funds Account, as well as those charged to the annual appropriations from the City and also includes such as are bought with the balances with our foreign agents at the close of the previous year. Our financial and library years now nominally correspond, but it will happen that bills accruing subsequently to the middle of March (when the last requisition of the year, payable April 1st, is approved) will be audited in the subsequent year's account, beginning nominally May 1st. In this way books added between March 15th and May 1st may be counted in one year's growth, and paid for in the subsequent year's account. The cost of maintaining Branches after the first year makes part of the general items of the several appropriations.

The money for Books bought on account of the Fellows Athenaeum is spent under the direction of the Book Committee of the Trustees of the Fellows Fund.

APPENDIX XXIII.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

JUSTIN WINSOR, *Superintendent.*

WILLIAM A. WHEELER, *Assistant Superintendent.*

JAMES L. WHITNEY, *Principal Assistant.*

Miss A. A. Nichols, *Accountant.*

John Barry, *Superintendent's Runner.*

CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM A. WHEELER, *Chief.*

James L. Whitney, *Principal Assistant*; Max Auerbach, *Assistant and Curator of Patent Room*; J. Otis Williams, *Curator of Pamphlets and Engravings*; William H. Foster, *Proof-Reader.*

Mrs. R. M. Eastman, *Extra Work*; Miss M. E. Joslyn, *Assistant*; Miss A. B. Loud, *Pamphlets*; Miss A. P. Call, *Cataloguer for Branches*; Miss Margaret W. McGrath, *Curator of Public Card Catalogue.*

Miss Alice M. Porée, *Lower Hall Assistant.*

ORDERING AND RECEIVING DEPARTMENT.

Miss HARRIET N. PIKE, *Chief Clerk.*

Miss Mary A. McGrath, *Assistant*; Miss Elizabeth J. Stevenson, *News-papers and Duplicates*; Ellen Stevenson, *Attendant.*

SHELF DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. L. T. BARTON, *Custodian.*

Appleton P. C. Griffin, *Assistant Custodian*; Annie M. Kennedy, *Assistant.*

BATES HALL DEPARTMENT.

JOSEPH SYKES, *Keeper.*

Charles A. Wilson, *Assistant Keeper*; Miss L. S. Norton, Miss E. T. Hill, *Assistants.*

Charles H. Guinness, John Bresnahan, Charles M. Stimpson, *Runners.*

LOWER HALL DEPARTMENT.

EDWARD CAPEN, *Keeper.*

Miss Elizabeth S. Haley, *Delivery Clerk*; Miss Lydia F. Knowles, *Receiving Clerk*; Miss Lucy A. W. Gimness, *Keeper's Clerk*; Miss Elizabeth Ross, Misses Eliza J. Mack, Sarah A. Mack, Ellen E. Bresnahan, *Assistants.*

Eliza F. Cotter (*monitor*), Ellen F. McCarthy, Ella Sturmy, Henrietta E. Mack (*extra*), Florence E. Guinness (*extra*), *Runners.*

Elbridge Bradshaw, *Registration Clerk*.

Miss Matilda J. Ross, *Assistant Registration Clerk*.

Miss Caroline E. Porée, *Reading Room Attendant*.

EVENING SERVICE. J. M. W. Pratt, *Registration Clerk*; F. G. Pratt, jr., *Delivery Clerk*; Miss Catharine McGrath, *Receiving Clerk*; Miss Amelia McGrath, *Assistant*; W. F. Robinson, *Reading Room Attendant*; Charles H. and Otis K. Moses, *Runners*.

SUNDAY SERVICE. W. F. Robinson, *Reading Room Attendant*.

JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

WILLIAM E. FORD, *Janitor*.

Thomas Collins, *Assistant*.

BINDING DEPARTMENT.

FRANK P. HATHAWAY, *Foreman*.

Andrew M. Blake, Mrs. Martha Wheeler, *Assistants*.

NOTE. — The binderies of Theodore Jackson, Jerome Seidensticker and G. H. Flattich are also employed.

EAST BOSTON BRANCH.

Miss SARAH C. GODBOLD, *Librarian*.

Miss Mary R. Pray, Miss A. M. Wing, *Assistants*.

Mary E. Cathcart, *Runner*.

G. H. Hosea, *Janitor*.

Misses Mary Lennon, Martha Hill, Emma Pond, G. Chilcott, and Kate Greene, *Substitutes and extra Assistants*.

Mrs. M. L. George, *Sunday Service*.

SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.

Mrs. ANNA C. D. KEEN, *Librarian*.

Miss Clara F. Mulloy, Miss L. Anna Baldwin, *Assistants*.

H. E. McCarthy, *Runner*.

Joseph Baker, *Janitor*.

Misses E. A. Eaton (*also Sunday Service*), A. Bragdon, E. Watson, H. Twing, and M. Webster, *Substitutes and extra Assistants*.

ROXBURY BRANCH.

Miss H. C. PRICE, *Librarian*.

Mrs. Julia A. Nye, Miss Marietta Goldsmith, *Assistants*.

Margaret E. Blood, *Runner*.

Charles R. Curtis, *Janitor*.

Substitutes and extra assistants not yet engaged.

AGENCY DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Lee & Shepard, *Boston*.

Messrs. Little, Brown & Co., and Sampson Low, Marston, Low and Searle,
Boston and London.

Mr. F. W. Christern, and M. Charles Reinwald, *New York and Paris*.

Dr. Felix Flügel, *Leipsic*.

Chev. Eugenio Albèri, *Florence*.

SUMMARY.

	Regulars.	Extras.
Superintendent	1	
Accountant and Superintendent's Runner	2	
Catalogue Department	10	1
Ordering and Receiving Department	4	
Shelf Department	3	
B. H. Circulating Department	7	
L. H. Circulating Department, Day Service	14	2
L. H. Circulating Department, Evening and Sunday Service		7
Janitorial Department	2	
Binding Department	3	
East Boston Branch	5	6
South Boston Branch	5	5
Roxbury Branch	5	
Totals	61	21
	21	
Grand Total	82	

APPENDIX XXIV.

REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

To the Superintendent: —

SIR, — The report which I now present includes the results of the examination of the Central Library, since the repairs have been completed, and also the second report upon the East Boston Branch, and the first report upon the South Boston Branch.

Owing to the alterations in progress in the Bates Hall last year, it was impossible to conduct a minute examination of that portion of the Library, and the usual report in detail was omitted. The present report, therefore, covers the period that has elapsed since April 30, 1871. Within this period, the books on each side of the Hall have been twice moved, and numerous misplacements resulting therefrom have rendered the present examination more than usually perplexing.

In the Bates Hall there were missing from the shelves

at the time of examination	2,786 vols.
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Of these there were found, —

Loaned	758
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At the Binder's	546
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Otherwise accounted for	1,452
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—————	2,756 “
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Not at present accounted for, —

Books	29
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Maps	1
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It is gratifying to be able to state that not a single volume is missing from either of the Special Libraries, and that the western alcoves, which were the first completed, and have been twice read by the shelf-catalogues, show but eight missing volumes. This is not in excess of former results. The

remainder of the missing volumes belong in the eastern alcoves, more recently completed; and, as there is no record to show that they have been loaned, it is probable that some of them will be brought to light at another reading of the shelf-catalogues.

One volume reported missing in 1869 and one in 1870 have appeared in their places during the past year.

In the Lower Hall there were missing from the shelves

at the time of examination	5,075 vols.
Loaned	4,159
At the Binder's	216
Otherwise accounted for	674
	— 5,048 “

Not at present accounted for,—

Fiction	6
Duplicates of Fiction	11
Miscellaneous	9
	— 26 “

Only two of these volumes have been found loaned during the year; while nine are recent accessions. Most of them may be accounted for as mis-numbered, an accident which is liable to occur.

None of the volumes have appeared which were reported missing at the last examination; but four have been found which were missing in 1867, and one which was missing in 1870. All of these volumes were mis-numbered.

The number of books missing from each alcove, is as follows:—

1st alcove	1 vol.	10th alcove	1 vol.
4th “	3 “	11th “	2 “
5th “	1 “	13th “	1 “
6th “	1 “	17th “	1 “
7th “	3 “	20th “	1 “
8th “	1 “	Dup's of 4th alcove	6 “
		Dup's of 4th alcove	6 “

At the East Boston Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of examination . . .	1,557 vols.
Loaned	1,346
At the Binder's	128
Otherwise accounted for	77
	— 1,551 “

Not at present accounted for, —

Fiction	2
Juveniles	2
	— 4 “

At the South Boston Branch there were missing from the shelves at the time of examination . . .	2,061 vols.
Loaned	1,810
At the Binder's	194
Otherwise accounted for	57
	— 2,061 “

I have also to report that there are no books of reference at present missing from the Bates Hall desk, and that Burke's Dictionary of English peerage, which was reported missing last year, has since been found at the Binder's.

From the desk in the Periodical Reading Room there are missing, —

Arnault's *Biographie des Contemporains*, vol. 15.
 Haydn's Dictionary of dates.
 Martin's Hand-book of biography.
 Webster's Counting-house dictionary.
 Wheeler's Noted names of fiction.
 Wood and Bache's Dispensatory.

Also, from the S. B. Branch Reading Room, a Catalogue of the E. B. Branch was missing Dec. 24, 1872.

Respectfully submitted.

L. T. BARTON,
Custodian of the Shelves.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, May 14, 1873.

APPENDIX XXV.

WORK IN THE LIBRARY BINDERY.

CHARACTER OF WORK.	1870-1.	1871-2.	1872-3.
Bates Hall books bound and finished	2,219	2,008
Books of the Lower Hall and Branches	1,015	744
Books repaired	396	430
Catalogues wired and covered for public use in Lower Hall and Branches	490	437
Maps dissected and mounted	47	28
Map-volumes and shelf-lists mounted	212	165
Pamphlet cases	546	64
Portfolios	5	8
Removable covers for catalogues, and paper covered books	266	263
Maps mounted, bound and bordered	54	41
Hours of miscellaneous work	1,842	2,297

APPENDIX XXVI.

THE BARTON LIBRARY.

PREPARED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEES.

A brief account of the negotiation which ended in the purchase of the Barton Library may not be without interest.

Late in the summer of 1869, Mr. F. W. Christern, the eminent bookseller and agent of the Library in New York, made known to Mr. Winsor, the Superintendent of the Library, the desire of Mrs. Barton to arrange for some satisfactory disposition of the collection formed by her deceased husband. A direct correspondence was opened with her; and in September she visited the Library, and had interviews with the Superintendent and Mr. Ticknor. A valuation was made of her books, shortly after, by two well-known bibliographers, Dr. Joseph G. Cogswell and Mr. Joseph Sabin of New York, and in December her terms were given to the Trustees in the sum of \$45,000 for a collection of books which had cost Mr. Barton more than \$60,000, and which had increased considerably in value since they were purchased. The conditions of sale were substantially those which formed part of the final contract, viz., that the books should be kept together as one collection, and that they should not be loaned from the building. Notwithstanding the liberality of these terms, the want of pecuniary means at the disposal of the Trustees compelled them to decline the offer, and the correspondence terminated in January, 1870.

Two years later negotiations were resumed, and the sum of \$40,000 was named as a basis, with other conditions not previously stated. This amount also could not be obtained from any source accessible to the Trustees. On the 13th April, 1872, so anxious had she become that the collection should be safely placed in the Bates Hall, that she reduced

her price to \$30,000, annexing the new condition that she should retain 1,500 volumes during her lifetime.

This concession was so large that the Trustees determined to make an effort to obtain the amount. So important did the proposed acquisition appear, that they felt justified in arranging to set aside from the interest of the Trust Funds belonging to the Library, in the course of two or three years, the sum of \$10,000 — and that an appeal for the sum of \$20,000 should be made to such friends of education and polite letters in our community as could appreciate the worth of the collection, and might be disposed to contribute to the purchase. Mr. Hillard, of the Board of Trustees, prepared a suitable circular, which was issued on the last of May. Of the sum desired, about \$2,000 only was subscribed; and further action was deferred until the autumn, Mrs. Barton having extended her refusal to Nov. 1st.

This was the condition of affairs on the return of the President of the Board from Europe in September last. It was seen that further steps must be taken if the library was to be secured to Boston. Conferences were held with the Mayor, and the Committee upon the Public Library of the City Government, whereby the co-operation of the City was to be arranged, and a further extension of time was obtained to the first of January.

Just as a plan was matured, which met the approval of the Trustees and of the committee, the disastrous fire of November removed all hope of immediate assistance from the City Treasury; and they withdrew from the negotiation, informing Mrs. Barton that if the events of the future should improve their condition, and the library still remained in her possession, they should desire to reopen a correspondence.

Most unexpectedly to the Trustees, the correspondence was reopened by Mrs. Barton in February of the present year, when she informed them, through their Superintendent, that other parties were moving to obtain possession of her collec-

tion ; while at the same time she reiterated her preferences for the Boston Public Library, and inquired whether we had relinquished all expectation of acquiring it.

A new effort was made, which, by the unanimous consent of all interests concerned, proved successful ; and on the 27th of March, a contract was signed by both parties, in which she agreed to sell to the Public Library of the City of Boston her collection for the sum of \$34,000, upon the following conditions : —

1st. The collection is to be kept in a separate alcove or alcoves or apartments of the Boston Public Library building, and is to be known and designated as the "Barton Library," which name shall be placed over the alcoves or room containing said collection.

2d. None of the books shall be loaned or permitted to be taken out of the Library, but the entire collection shall be kept and used for reference in the Library only.

3d. A book-plate, of which the design shall be selected by Mrs. Barton, shall be engraved and provided by the Library, and pasted in each volume of the collection.

4th. The Library shall cause a catalogue of the collection to be prepared so as to embody the information contained in Mr. Barton's catalogue, and shall cause the same to be printed and published as a separate catalogue within four years from the date of contract.

By the fourth article of the contract, it was further agreed that the books, about one hundred in number, the personal property of Mrs. Barton before the death of her husband, were not to be included in the sale.

The fifth article gave Mrs. Barton permission to retain during her lifetime about 800 volumes, which upon her decease were to revert to the Library.

It will be noticed that the price finally agreed upon was larger than the one previously named. This had arisen from the fact that private circumstances, which she made known

to the Trustees, had rendered it necessary on her part to increase the sum at which she could in justice to herself dispose of the library.

Early in May the delivery of the books from her house in New York city began, which was completed before the close of the month, by the despatch of four cases from Montgomery Place, her residence at Barrytown, on the Hudson, whither had been sent from New York, a few days previously, five cases containing her own books, and the others to be retained by her during her lifetime. The whole library was packed in about seventy cases.

Within two days after this fulfilment of the agreement, Mrs. Barton, early on the morning of the 22d May, suddenly died at Montgomery Place.

This bare narration gives no idea of the generous spirit with which this most estimable lady carried forward every step of the contract. The library had been left to her by her husband's will, without condition, to do with as she pleased. But she knew that his desire had been that the labor of his lifetime should not be lost by the separation of his dearly prized books, and she determined that his wishes should be literally carried out. In doing this, she gave to the Barton Library everything in her possession which could add value to the collection, — the correspondence, autographs, and plates, which would illustrate and complete it. She added a mask of Shakespeare's face, taken at Mr. Barton's expense from the monument at Stratford on Avon, and a statuette of Richard III, the work of Rogers.

NOTE. — Of the sum of \$34,000, the price to be paid under the contract for the Barton Library, \$15,000 was directly appropriated for the purpose, by the City Council; \$10,000 was drawn from a sum at the disposal of the Trustees in the City Treasury; and the balance of \$9,000 is to be paid previous to the first of January, 1874.

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